

INTERIM TRANSLATIONS
OF THE MASSES OF
THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

BOOK III

After Pentecost

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TRANSLATIONS FROM THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

THIS THIRD BOOKLET completes the translations of the Sundays, feasts and ferias which occur in the annual cycle.

Priests and people are now asked to study them carefully and to compare them with the other versions which are being published, and then to make their preferences clear to their local diocesan commissions.

It must be remembered, however, that these interim translations are not a finished product. They have been produced quickly so as to give a version in what is fundamentally our traditional style of public prayer in these countries. If the clear preference of priests and people is for this version, much work will have to go into making it worthy of the public worship of the Church.

When sending in your comments please pay special attention to the following points which sum up the principles which the translators have followed:

1. The translation in itself: the translators have tried to say in English what the Missal says in Latin, *not* what the translators considered the ideas which the Latin text ought to be trying to convey.
2. The style of translation: relatively little use has been made of subordinate clauses and periodic structure, because the main purpose is to get the prayers over to the congregation. Thus the translators have generally preferred to express meaning in short clauses placed side by side.
3. Archaic expressions have been avoided, but the translators have tried to preserve traditional English words used by our forefathers, for example: *Mass, Holy Communion, grace, merits, sanctify, blessed, intercession, virtue, eternal, sacrifice.*
4. The traditional prayer-endings have been retained.
5. The words used in the Latin to express the One to whom a prayer is addressed have been retained, *God* or *Lord*, instead of using the word *Father*.
6. Generally speaking, the traditional expression of a suppliant in the presence of God has been retained by the use of the construction *grant that . . .*, rather than making a straight request to God which can sometimes sound like giving God a command.

7. In the prayers of a saint the title *Saint* has been used, instead of the more accurate translation *Blessed*.
8. The Latin has been followed in the translation of the opening words of the prefaces so as to link them up with the Preface dialogue, by the use of the expression *It is indeed right and fitting*.
9. The new Missal gives various options for the opening and closing phrases of the prefaces. The translators have chosen alternative 7 for the opening and alternative 3 for the close. It may be, however, that many would prefer a more elaborate closing phrase. If so, this should be made clear to the local liturgical commission, and suggestions are invited.
10. Some criticism has been levelled at the translations which have already appeared on the grounds that God is continually being given information he already has! The translators, however, see their function as providing a version of the Latin text given, not of a text which perhaps ought to have been given, and they feel it would be wrong for them to omit portions of a given text on this score.



Secretary,

11th May, 1972.

National Liturgical Commission

CONCLUSION OF THE COLLECT

The following is the usual conclusion:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

When the prayer is addressed to God the Father but the Son is mentioned at the end of the prayer, the following conclusion is used:

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

When the prayer is addressed to God the Son, the following conclusion is used:

(You) who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Proper of the Time

NOTE: On the Sundays of the Year the Mass formula indicated for that particular Sunday is to be used; but on the Weekdays of the Year ANY of the Masses for the 34 weeks of the year may be used, bearing in mind the pastoral needs.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

I have placed all my hope in your mercy, Lord;
my heart has rejoiced in your salvation.
I shall sing to the Lord because he has been good to me.

Collect

Grant us the grace, almighty God, always to keep your truth in our hearts, so that every word we speak and every action we perform may be in accordance with your will. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we celebrate this sacrifice to pay you our debt of worship. Grant that this offering may help us to obtain salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

*Preface: On Sunday: one of the Sundays of the year;
on Weekdays: one of the Common Prefaces*

Communion antiphon

I will proclaim all your wonders, you will be my joy;
I will sing your praises, O Lord most High.

or

Lord, I believe that you are the Saviour, the Son of the living God,
who has come into this world.

Post-Communion

We have received, O Lord, in this sacrament the pledge of our salvation. Grant, we pray, that we may also receive its fulfilment. Through Christ our Lord.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

The Lord has shown himself my protector:
he has rescued me and set me free,
because he has loved me.

Collect

Grant, Lord, that the world may follow your guidance in peace, and the Church may rejoice in the freedom to do your will. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, we have nothing but your own gifts to offer you, yet you accept them as a token of our loving worship. Grant us the grace we need to make us worthy of receiving our eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I will praise the Lord for he has been good to me,
and sing in honour of the Lord most High.

or

I will be with you for ever, to the end of time, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, your sacrament to strengthen us in this life. Grant that it may enable us to share in the life that never ends. Through Christ our Lord.

NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Lord, I am lonely and poor;
turn to me and show me forgiveness.
See my affliction and my distress, O God,
and forgive me all my sins.

Collect

O God, you watch over us with sure and unfailing care. Protect us from all that is harmful, and help us in all our needs. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

We come with our gifts to your altar, Lord, trusting in your mercy. Purify our hearts with your grace, and through this sacrifice free us from our sinfulness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I call out to you, O God, for you always hear my cry;
listen to me and grant my prayer.

or

Truly I say to you:
Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive,
and your prayer will be granted, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

You have nourished us, Lord, with the Body and Blood of your Son. Give us your Spirit as our guide. Help us to make our whole lives, like our prayers, an expression of our worship, so that we may become worthy to be received into the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defender of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?
The enemies who oppress me have been brought low.

Collect

O God, source of all good, inspire us with knowledge of what is right, and guide us in carrying it out. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, upon the worship we pay you. Accept our offering, and grant that it may help us to grow in love of you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
God is my rescuer and my help.

or

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God;
and God abides in him.

Post-Communion

Lord, in your mercy grant that your healing grace may free us from our evil inclinations and lead us towards true holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you.
Come to my aid: do not abandon me.
Do not turn away from me, O God my Saviour.

Collect

O God, strength of those who place their hopes in you, without you we are weak and powerless. Never fail to help us to keep your commandments, so that our actions as well as our intentions may conform to your will. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you give us bread and wine as our food and drink, and you make them the sacrament which renews our spirit. Grant that we may never lack the support these gifts afford for our bodies and our souls. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

There is one thing I have asked the Lord,
one thing I shall strive to gain—
to live in the Lord's house all my life long.

or

Holy Father, you have given them to me;
keep them in your name, so that they may be one as we are one,
said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we believe that this Holy Communion is the sign that your people will be united with you. Grant that it may bring your Church this gift of unity. Through Christ our Lord.

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people,
the safeguard of all whom his Anointed One protects.
Save your people, your heritage, Lord;
bless them, and be their king for ever.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, always to reverence and love your holy name;
for you never withdraw your guidance from those whom you have
firmly established in your love. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice to obtain your pardon and to
give you glory. Accept it and grant that it may cleanse us from our
sins, so that the offering we make of our hearts may be pleasing to
you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Lord, the eyes of all creatures look to you;
and you give them their food in due time.

or

I am the good shepherd, said the Lord;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

Post-Communion

In our need, Lord, you have given us your Son's Body and Blood
to renew our strength. We have paid you our worship in the Mass:
grant that our Holy Communion may be for us a sure means of
salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

All nations, clap your hands;
cry to God with shouts of joy.

Collect

O God, in your generosity you have adopted us and made us
children of light. Grant that we may not be overtaken by the darkness
of error, but may always be bathed in the light of truth. Through our
Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, in your mercy you give us the sacraments to help us. Grant that we may offer this sacrifice in a manner worthy of your gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Bless the Lord, my soul;
I shall praise his holy name with all my heart.

or

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the
Lord.

Post-Communion

We have offered you sacrifice, Lord, and you have given us a share in it. Grant that it may bring us new life, so that we may be united with you in unfailing love and bear fruit which lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

O God, we have received your mercy in your temple.
Your name, O God, and your praises reach to the ends of the
earth.
You are powerful, O God, and just.

Collect

O God, when the world was prostrate, you raised it up again through your Son's lowliness. You have rescued us from our slavery to sin: grant us the happiness that lasts for ever. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may this offering which we make to you, cleanse our hearts and help us to lead lives that will prepare us for heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Taste and see how sweet the Lord is.
Happy the man who sets his hope in the Lord.

or

Come to me, all you who toil and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, your food to nourish us: grant us the grace that we need for our salvation, and never let us cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Since I have sought justice I shall see your face
and be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, when men go astray, you show them the light of your truth to lead them back to the right path. Grant all Christian people the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the faith they profess, and to seek whatever is worthy of it. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, upon the offerings of your Church, and grant that by receiving a share in them we may grow in holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The sparrow has found herself a home,
and the turtle-dove a nest for her young,
by your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God.
They are happy who dwell in your house;
they shall praise you for ever.

or

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will abide in me
and I shall abide in him, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the sacrament you have given us. Grant that each time we celebrate the Mass your grace may increase within us. Through Christ our Lord.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

I have God for my helper; the Lord sustains my life.
I will offer you sacrifice with a willing heart and praise your
name, Lord,
for it is holy to give you praise.

Collect

Have mercy on your people, Lord, and make your grace increase within us, so that with ardent faith, hope and charity we may always be alert to obey your commands. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you have given us one perfect sacrifice to replace the many sacrifices of the Old Testament. You blessed the gifts which Abel offered you: accept your people's sacrifice now and make it holy. We offer it to you to express our adoration: grant that it may bring us all to salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

In his graciousness and mercy
the Lord has given us a memorial of his wonderful deeds.
He has given food to those who fear him.

or

See, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door for me,
I shall come in and eat with him, and he will eat with me.

Post-Communion

You have nourished your people, Lord, with the Bread of
Heaven. In your mercy grant us the grace to lay aside our old ways
and turn to a new life. Through Christ our Lord.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

God is in his holy place.
He gives a home to those who are united;
he will give strength and power to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who place their hope in you, without
your help nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Guide and protect us
now, and show us your abundant mercy. Grant that we may make
good use of your gifts in this life, and so be secure in the possession
of the gifts that last for ever. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, our offering of the gifts which you yourself have
given us. May we obtain from this Mass the grace to live holy lives
here on earth, and gain the everlasting joy of heaven. Through Christ
our Lord.

Communion antiphon

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
and never forget all his goodness.

or

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Post-Communion

We have received this sacrament, Lord, as a perpetual memorial
of your Son's passion. He gave it to us out of his great love: grant
that it may help us to gain the salvation he purchased for us: who
lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

O God, hasten to my rescue;
Lord, come quickly to my aid.
You are my support and my rescuer;
Lord, do not delay.

Collect

We rejoice, Lord, to have you as our Creator and our guide. In your unfailing goodness renew and preserve whatever in our lives is pleasing to you. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, Lord, the gifts we offer you, and accept them as a holy sacrifice, so that we may offer ourselves to you always without reserve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You have given us bread from heaven, Lord:
the bread which is full of delight and sweetness.

or

I am the Bread of Life, says the Lord:
If anyone comes to me he will not go hungry;
if anyone believes in me he shall never thirst.

Post-Communion

You refresh us, Lord, with your gifts from heaven, and never cease to nourish us. Stay with us always and keep us safe, so that we may become worthy to receive everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Remember, Lord, your covenant:
do not abandon your poor servants for ever.
Arise, Lord, and defend your cause;
and do not forget the cries of those who call upon you.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, we dare to call you Father. Grant us in full measure the Spirit which makes us your sons and daughters, so that we may become worthy to receive the inheritance you have promised. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Have pity on your Church, Lord, and accept the gifts which in your goodness you have given us to offer to you. Grant that they may become the sacrament which brings us salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem:
he gives you your fill of the finest wheat.

or

The bread which I shall give, said the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Post-Communion

May the Holy Communion we have received. Lord, save us
from our sins and keep us for ever in the light of your truth. Through
Christ our Lord.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

O God, our protector, look upon the face of your Anointed one.
For one day within your temple is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you blessings that
the eye has not seen. Pour out your love on our hearts, so that we
may come to love you above all things in everything we do, and
gain the rewards you have promised us, which surpass our deepest
longings. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our offerings in this holy exchange of gifts. We
offer what you have given us: grant that our gift may make us worthy
to receive you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption.

or

I am the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

By this sacrament, Lord, we have received a share in the life of
Christ. In your goodness grant that we may grow in his likeness on
earth, so as to be united with him in heaven: who lives and reigns
for ever and ever.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Turn your ear, Lord, to my prayer and hear me;
Rescue me, my God, for I place my hope in you.
Have mercy on me, Lord,
for I have cried out to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, you unite the hearts of all your faithful. Teach us to love what you command, and to long for what you promise, so that amid the delights of this life, we may keep our hearts set firmly on the true joys of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, through your Son's one sacrifice you adopted us as your people. In your goodness grant your Church the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Lord, you fill the earth with the fruits of your creation.

Your bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine to give gladness to our hearts.

or

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life:
and I will raise him up on the last day, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, in your goodness grant that this sacrament may heal our sinfulness, and help us grow in grace, so that in all our actions we may learn to do your will. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Have mercy on me, Lord, I have cried to you all the day long.
For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call out to you.

Collect

O God of power, source of everything that is good, fill our hearts with love of you, and increase our devotion. Make the good that is in us grow, and through your watchful care see that we never lose it. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering we make to you, Lord, be a source of holiness for us, and fill us with the grace it symbolises. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

How precious, Lord, are the gifts which you keep in store for
those who fear you.

or

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children
of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, the Bread of Heaven to be our food.
May it strengthen our hearts in love and inspire us to serve you in our
fellow men. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Lord, you are just, and you judge rightly;
show your mercy to your servant.

Collect

You have redeemed us, O God, and adopted us as your children.
Look kindly upon your beloved sons and daughters who believe in
Christ and grant them true freedom and their eternal inheritance.
Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, source of true devotion and peace, grant that through
this offering we may pay you the worship that we owe and receive
this sacrament with united hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

As the deer longs for the water, my soul longs for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for the God of life and power.

or

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
If anyone follows me, he does not walk in the dark,
but will have the light of life.

Post-Communion

Lord, you give us your heavenly word and your holy sacrament
to be our food and our life. Grant that these gifts from your beloved
Son may make us grow in grace, so that we may become worthy to
share in his life: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Grant peace, Lord, to those who wait upon your will,
so that your prophets may be proved true.
Listen to the prayers of your servant
and your people Israel.

Collect

O God, creator and master of the universe, look upon us in our
need. Grant us the grace to serve you with all our hearts and so
experience the effects of your mercy. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

In your mercy and goodness, Lord, listen to our prayers and
accept our gifts. We offer them to you to express our adoration;

grant that they may bring us all to salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

How gracious is your mercy, Lord!

All men may find protection under the shadow of your wings.

or

The cup of blessing which we bless
is a share in Christ's Blood.

The bread which we break
is a share in Christ's Body.

Post-Communion

May the power of this Holy Communion, Lord, fill our minds and our bodies, so that we may be moved not by our own inclinations but by the grace of the sacrament within us. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

I am the salvation of my people, says the Lord.

Whatever their affliction,
when they call upon me, I shall hear them
and be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, you have summed up your holy law in your command that we should love you and our neighbour. Grant us the grace to keep your commandments and so become worthy to enter eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Show us your mercy, Lord, and accept your people's gifts. We profess our faith in the redemption you have brought us: grant that through this sacrament we may experience its effects. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You have given me your commandments to observe with care.
Grant that throughout my life I may keep your holy law.

or

I am the good shepherd, said the Lord.

I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, you have given us your sacraments to renew our strength. Support us with your unfailing help, so that we may experience the effect of your redemption not only in the sacraments but also throughout our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

All that you have brought upon us, Lord, you have done justly,
for we have sinned against you and disobeyed your commands.
Give glory to your name
and deal with us according to your great mercy.

Collect

O God, you reveal your almighty power above all in your mercy
and forbearance. Fill our hearts always with your grace, so that
nothing may hold us back from the joys of heaven which you have
promised us. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, in your mercy, accept our offerings, and through them
admit us to the source of all grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Lord, remember the promise you made to your servant;
it has given me hope and consoled me in my weakness.

or

By this we know God's love:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

Post-Communion

Lord, heal us in mind and body through the sacrament we have
received. We proclaim in it your Son's death and are united with
his sufferings; grant that we may share his glory in heaven: who
lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Lord, the whole world is in your power;
no one can resist your will;
you have made heaven and earth and everything under heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, your goodness to us far exceeds any-
thing we can deserve or hope for. In your great mercy forgive us the
sins which burden our conscience, and grant us the blessings for which
we do not dare to pray. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept the sacrifice which we offer in obedience to your
command. We celebrate the Mass to pay you the worship we owe
you: grant that it may bring us holiness and redemption. Through
Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Lord is good to those who seek him
and place their hope in him.

or

Though we are many, we are one bread and one body,
for we all share the same bread and the same chalice.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, by this sacrament nourish us and gladden our hearts, so that we may be transformed into Christ whom we have received: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Lord, if you take note of our sins, who will survive?
In you is found forgiveness, God of Israel.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, your grace to inspire and sustain us, so that we may be eager to do your will. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, our prayers and our offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The rich have gone hungry and thirsty;
but those who seek the Lord will never go in need.

or

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Post-Communion

God of majesty, you have given us the sacred Body and Blood of your Son to nourish us. Grant that by sharing in them, we may share also in your godhead. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

O God, I cry out to you for you always hear me;
listen to me and heed my cry.
Protect me, Lord, as the apple of your eye.
Shelter me under your wings.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, make us always intent on doing your will and single-hearted in your service. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that we may offer our gifts to you in the spirit of

loving worship. Let your grace purify our hearts, so that this Mass may free us from our sinfulness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who fear him
and place their hopes in his mercy.
He will rescue them from death
and feed them when they are hungry.

or

The Son of Man came to give his life
for the redemption of the world.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacrament may afford us the help we need in this life and prepare us to receive the joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Let hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek him and be strengthened;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, help us to grow in faith, hope and charity. Teach us to love what you command us to do, so that we may be able to receive what you promise to give. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, upon the gifts we make to you, so that our poor human worship may serve to give you glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

We shall know the joy of salvation
and rejoice in the name of the Lord our God.

or

Christ loved us and gave himself for us
as a sacrifice pleasing to God.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that your sacrament may bring to completion the grace it has planted within us. We have met your Son under the signs of bread and wine: grant that we may see him face to face in heaven: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Do not forsake me, Lord, my God, do not abandon me.
Lord, my strength, my salvation, come quickly to my aid.

Collect

Almighty, merciful God, it is only through your grace that we can serve you as you deserve. Help us to hasten without faltering to receive the reward you have promised. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that the gifts we make to you may be changed into the perfect offering of Christ and become the means by which you bestow on us your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

O Lord, you have shown me the paths of life;
the sight of your face will fill me with joy.

or

Just as the living Father sent me,
and I live because of the Father, said the Lord;
so whoever eats me will live because of me.

Post-Communion

Lord, grant that your grace may work more powerfully in our hearts. You have nourished us with the Bread of Heaven, containing the promise of eternal life. May it enable us to reach the fulfilment of that promise. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

Let my prayer reach you, Lord;
listen to my request.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, in your mercy protect us from all that can harm us. Liberate our minds and our bodies from every hindrance so that we may be free to do your will. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Be moved to pity, Lord, by this sacrifice we offer you. We celebrate it as a memorial of your Son's passion: grant that through our devotion we may receive the grace it contains. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall lack.
He has made me lie down in green pastures.
and beside refreshing streams he has led me.

or

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Post-Communion

We thank you, Lord, for your gift of the Bread of Heaven. You

have filled our hearts with your Spirit: grant that this power may keep us single-minded in your service. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

My thoughts are thoughts of peace and not of vengeance, says the Lord.

Call out to me and I shall hear you
and rescue you from captivity
wherever you may be.

Collect

Lord our God, grant that we may always find joy in your service; for it is perfect and lasting happiness to be faithful in serving the creator of all that is good. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, grant that the offering we make to you may help us to grow in holiness and bring us to eternal life in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

It is my delight to hold fast to the Lord my God
and to place all my hope in him.

or

Be certain of this, said the Lord:
when you ask for anything in prayer,
believe that you will receive it
and your prayer will be answered.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received this sacrament which is your gift to us; we have celebrated the memorial of your Son as he commanded us to do. Grant that this Mass may help us to grow in love. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRTY FOURTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Entry antiphon

The Lord will speak words of peace to his people,
to those who are dedicated to his service
and to all who turn to him in their hearts.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, that your redeeming grace may bear more fruit in our lives, and make us more eager to receive your healing forgiveness. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept these gifts which we offer you in obedience to your

command. Make us always seek to do your will, so that through the Mass we may grow more pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
for he has proved his great love for us.

or

You will see, I am with you always
to the end of the world, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, you have given us the joy of sharing in your divine gift. Do not allow us ever to be parted from you. Through Christ our Lord.

First Sunday after Pentecost:

Solemnity

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Entry antiphon

Blessed be God the Father, and his only Son,
together with the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his mercy.

Collect

O God our Father, you sent your Word into the world to teach us your truth, and your Spirit to sanctify us, and in this way you revealed to us the wonderful mystery of your own being. Grant that, in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the glory of the three Persons who are one God, almighty and eternal. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord our God, sanctify this offering we make to you, as we call upon your name, and grant that it may make us ourselves an everlasting gift to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

With your only Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God and Lord;
not as one single Person
but as three Persons in one God.

Heavenly Father, what you have taught us of your own glory,
we believe equally of your Son and the Holy Spirit;
in proclaiming one, true, eternal God,
we adore three Persons of equal majesty.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

Because you are his sons,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts,
crying Abba, Father.

Post-Communion

Lord our God, we have received your sacrament, and professed
our faith in your everlasting Trinity and your undivided Unity.
Grant that this sacrament and this faith may preserve us from evil
in body as well as in soul. Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday after the feast of the Most Holy Trinity: Solemnity

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Entry antiphon

He has fed them with the finest wheat,
and given them their fill of honey from the rock.

Collect

O God you have left us this wonderful sacrament to be the
memorial of your Passion. Grant that, through honouring the mystery
of your Body and Blood, we may always experience your redeeming
grace: You who live and reign with God the Father . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

In your goodness, Lord, grant to your Church the gifts of unity
and peace which our offerings symbolise. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Blessed Sacrament I (p. 252)

Communion antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
abides in me, and I in him, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

Grant us, Lord, an everlasting share in your godhead; for you
give us a foretaste and a symbol of it when we receive your precious
Body and Blood: who live and reign for ever and ever.

Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost: Solemnity

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Entry antiphon

The designs of his heart shall endure from age to age,
to rescue our souls from death,
and nourish us in our hunger.

Collect

Almighty God, with joy we honour the Heart of your dear Son and recall the wonderful love he has shown us. Grant that we may receive abundant grace from him, the source of all blessings: who lives and reigns with you . . .

or

O God, in your generosity and mercy you have made your Son's heart, which was wounded by our sins, a treasury of limitless grace and love. Grant that we may pay due honour and reparation to him: who lives and reigns with you . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, consider the boundless love in your dear Son's Heart, and grant our prayers. Graciously accept our offering, so that it may make atonement for our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

When he was lifted up on the cross.
in his great love he gave himself for us,
and made blood and water flow from that wounded side,
which is the source of the Church's sacraments;
so that our Saviour's opened Heart
might draw all men to himself
and be the ever-flowing spring of salvation
where all may quench their thirst with delight.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

If anyone is thirsty, says the Lord.
let him come to me and drink.
He who believes in me,
out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.

or

One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,
and at once there flowed out blood and water.

Post-Communion

Lord, may the sacrament of your love set our hearts on fire with love. As your Son draws us ever more closely to himself, teach us to recognize him in our fellow-men. Through Christ our Lord.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Entry antiphon

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
to receive divine power and wisdom and might and honour.
His glory and his reign last for ever.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, it was your will to renew all creation in the person of your beloved Son, the universal king. Grant that all creation, in true freedom, may serve you and praise you for ever. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice by which you won back the human race. Grant that your Son may bestow on all the world his gifts of unity and peace: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:
You consecrated your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
as eternal Priest and King of all creation.
On the altar of the Cross he offered himself
a pure sacrifice for our peace,
thus wonderfully accomplishing the work of our redemption.
When he has brought all creation under his rule
he will deliver into your almighty power
an everlasting kingdom that knows no bounds,
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and mercy,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

The Lord will sit on his royal throne for ever;
he will bless his people and bring them peace.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have given us the Bread of eternal life. We are proud to obey the commands of Christ, the universal King; make us worthy to be with him for ever in his heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

Proper of the Saints

*18th May: ST JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR Optional Memoria
Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors I (p. 237), except:*

Collect

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, you have made this day holy by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant that we who honour his sanctity may follow his example of constancy in the faith. Through our Lord . . .

20th May:

Optional Memoria

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

Common of Pastors X (p. 239), except:

Collect

O God, you filled your priest Saint Bernardine of Siena with a great love for the holy name of Jesus. Grant by his merits and prayers, that the fire of your love may burn continually in our hearts. Through our Lord . . .

25th May:

Optional Memoria

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR

Common of Doctors I (p. 239) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241), except:

Collect

O God, by the teaching of your priest Saint Bede the Venerable you give light to your Church. Mercifully grant to us your servants that we may always be helped by the power of his merits, and be guided by his wisdom. Through our Lord . . .

ST GREGORY VII, POPE Optional Memoria

Common of Pastors I (p. 237), except:

Collect

O God, you gave to Pope Saint Gregory a courageous spirit and an ardent love of justice. Grant these virtues to your Church, so that she may condemn all that is unjust, and with generous love persevere in doing what is right. Through our Lord . . .

ST MARY MAGDALEN OF PAZZI, VIRGIN Optional Memoria

Common of Virgins I (p. 240) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241), except:

Collect

O God, lover of virginity, the holy virgin Mary Magdalen of Pazzi burned with the fire of your love, and you rewarded her with gifts from heaven. Grant us grace to follow her example of purity and love. Through our Lord . . .

26th May: *ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST* *Memoria*
Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241),
except:
Collect

From age to age, O God, you raise your faithful servants into the glorious company of the Saints. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may kindle in us the fire with which he wonderfully pierced the heart of Saint Philip Neri. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer to you, O God, the sacrifice of praise. May we, following Saint Philip's example, devote ourselves with joy unceasingly to the service of our neighbour, and to giving glory to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

You have fed us, Lord, with food from heaven. May we, following Saint Philip's example, continually seek to know you, who are the source of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

27th May: *Optional Memoria*

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or X (p. 239), except:

Collect

O God, by the preaching of your bishop Saint Augustine of Canterbury you led the English nation to the knowledge of the Gospel. Grant, we pray, that his work may continue to bear fruit in your Church. Through our Lord . . .

31st May: *THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY* *Feast*

Entry antiphon

Come and listen, all you that fear the Lord;

I will tell you all that God has done for me.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit led the blessed Virgin Mary, before she gave birth to your Son, to visit Elizabeth her cousin. Grant that we may always obey the prompting of your Spirit, and like the blessed Virgin, give glory continually to you. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you were pleased with the love of your only Son's blessed Mother; may this, the sacrifice that brings us salvation, likewise be pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63) with the words on this feast of the Visitation or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

All generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has dealt wonderfully with me;
holy is his Name.

Post-Communion

May your Church glorify you, Lord, for you have done great things for your faithful people. Saint John the Baptist leapt for joy to greet your Son who was hidden in the womb of his Blessed Mother: may we rejoice to know in this sacrament the presence of him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Saturday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost: Optional Memoria

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Entry antiphon

My heart will rejoice in your saving help;
I will sing to the Lord because of his goodness to me.

Collect

O God, in the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary you prepared a worthy dwelling-place for your Holy Spirit; grant, at her intercession, that we ourselves may become the temples of your glory. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear, O Lord, the prayers that we make to you on this feast of Mary, the blessed Mother of God. Look favourably on our offerings and grant us the help for which we pray. Through Christ our Lord. *Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63*) with the words and especially as we venerate the ever-Virgin Mary or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

Mary treasured all these words,
and pondered them in her heart.

Post-Communion

O Lord, you have made us sharers in eternal salvation. As we celebrate the feast of the Mother of your Son, we pray that we may be filled with your grace, so that the effects of your redeeming work may be seen more and more in our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

1st June:

ST JUSTIN, MARTYR

Memoria

Entry antiphon

The wicked have told me lies instead of your truth,
but I bore witness to you before the powerful,
and I was not put to shame.

Collect

O God, through the foolishness of the Cross you taught Saint

Justin your martyr that the wisdom of Jesus Christ is greater than the wisdom of any man. Grant at his intercession, that we may shun the errors that surround us, and always hold fast to the faith. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Make us worthy, we pray you Lord, to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Mass, for which Saint Justin your martyr fought with all his strength. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

While I was with you

I claimed to know only Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Post-Communion

You have nourished us, Lord, at your heavenly banquet. Enable us, we pray you, to follow the teaching of Saint Justin, your martyr, in giving thanks continually for your gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd June:

Optional Memoria

SS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236), except:

Collect

O God, Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter died a glorious death in witnessing to you. You give us their faithfulness as an example, and their merits to be our protection: may we follow their example and be supported by their prayers. Through our Lord . . .

3rd June:

Memoria

SS CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236), except:

Collect

O God, you have made the blood of the martyrs the seed from which Christians are born. Grant, we pray, that the field of your Church, soaked in the blood of Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, may yield a rich harvest to your glory. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, you gave to your martyrs the will to die rather than to sin. As we make our offerings to you, we pray that we, who, like them, serve you at your altar, may follow their example in dedicating our lives entirely to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received your holy sacrament in memory of the victory of your martyrs. Grant that this sacrament, which enabled

them to bear their torments, may make us constant in faith and love among all adversities. Through Christ our Lord.

*5th June: ST BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR Memoria
Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors X (p. 239), except:
Collect*

O God, Saint Boniface your martyr preached the faith of Christ and witnessed to it with his blood. May his prayers help us to hold fast to the faith, and to profess it boldly in all that we do. Through Christ our Lord . . .

*6th June: ST NORBERT, BISHOP Optional Memoria
Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241),
except:
Collect*

O God, you made your bishop Saint Norbert an outstanding minister of your Church by his devotion to prayer and to the care of his people. We pray you to grant, in answer to his intercession, that your flock may always have shepherds after your own heart, and be nourished by the food that brings salvation. Through our Lord . . .

*9th June: Optional Memoria
ST EPHRAEM, DEACON AND DOCTOR
Common of Doctors I (p. 239), except:
Collect*

By the power of your Holy Spirit, Lord, your deacon Saint Ephraem was enabled to sing of your mysteries and to dedicate his life to your service. As we celebrate his feast, we pray you to pour your Spirit into our hearts. Through our Lord . . .

*11th June: ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE Memoria
Entry antiphon*

Blessed is this holy man,
found worthy to be called an Apostle.
He was a good man,
endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
he was steadfast in the faith.

Collect

O God, you filled Saint Barnabas with the Holy Spirit and with faith, and caused him to be set apart for the conversion of the Gentiles: enable us by our words and deeds to proclaim faithfully the Gospel that he preached. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, it was your love that inspired Saint Barnabas to carry the

light of the Gospel to the Gentiles: bless our offerings, and grant that as we partake of them we too may be filled with your love. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

Now I do not call you servants
because a servant does not understand what his Master does;
but I have called you my friends
because I have made known to you
whatever I heard from my Father.

Post-Communion

Lord, on the feast of Saint Barnabas we have received in this sacrament the pledge of eternal life: bring us, we pray, to the clear vision of that glory of which this sacrament is a sign. Through Christ our Lord.

13th June:

Memoria

ST ANTONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Doctors I (p. 239) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you gave Saint Antony of Padua to your people to be a great preacher of the Gospel and a powerful intercessor for those in need. By his intercession enable us to observe faithfully the teaching of Christ, and support us with your help in our needs. Through our Lord . . .

19th June:

ST ROMUALD, ABBOT *Optional Memoria*

Common of Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, through the life of Saint Romuald you renewed in your Church the life of hermits: help us to deny ourselves and follow Christ, and so to become worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

21st June: ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS *Memoria*

Entry antiphon

The man who is sinless in thought and in deed
will ascend the mountain of the Lord
and stand in the holy place.

Collect

O God, author of all grace, you gave to Saint Aloysius Gonzaga an innocent life and a penitent spirit: grant that when we fail to follow the example of his innocence, we may imitate him in repenting of our sins. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may we come to your heavenly feast in the wedding-garment of purity, following Saint Aloysius' example, so that by taking part in this Mass we may share in the riches of your grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

He gave them food from heaven
and men ate the bread of Angels.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have fed us with the bread of angels: may we serve you in purity of life, following Saint Aloysius' example, and give you thanks continually for all your gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

*22nd June: ST PAULINUS, BISHOP Optional Memoria
Common of Pastors III (p. 237) except:*

Collect

O God, you have made Saint Paulinus of Nola an example to us in his love of poverty and his pastoral zeal. Grant that as we celebrate his merits we may learn to follow him in his charity. Through our Lord . . .

Optional Memoria

SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) except:

Collect

In the death of your martyrs, O God, we see the noblest of testimonies to the true faith: grant, we pray, that, strengthened by the prayers of Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher, we may bear witness in our lives to the faith that we confess with our mouths. Through our Lord . . .

23rd June (Evening Mass):

Solemnity

VIGIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Entry antiphon

He will be great in the eyes of the Lord,
he will be endowed with the Holy Spirit
even in the womb of his mother;
many will rejoice at his birth.

Collect

Enable us, almighty God, to travel the road of salvation and to follow the teaching of Saint John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Lord, so that we may come to eternal life with Christ, whose coming he foretold; he who lives and reigns with you . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on the gifts that we offer you on the

feast of Saint John the Baptist: help us to live lives of faithful Christian service, and to strive for the salvation that we celebrate in the Mass. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St John the Baptist (24th June)

Communion antiphon

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he visited his people and set them free.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have been your guests at the banquet of the Mass: may Saint John the Baptist by his prayers gain for us the favour of your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

(The above Mass is used for a Votive Mass of St John the Baptist)

24th June: BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Solemnity

Entry antiphon

A man named John was sent by God
to testify to the true Light,
to prepare and sanctify the people
for the coming of the Lord.

Collect

O God, you raised up Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for Christ the Lord. Grant to all your people the grace of spiritual joy, and guide us in the way of salvation and peace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer these gifts on your altar in commemoration of Saint John the Baptist, who prophesied the coming of the Saviour of the world, and made his presence known to men: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

Above all we praise the glory that you showed in John the Baptist

when you honoured him above all who are born of women.

He leapt in his mother's womb at his Saviour's coming;

his birth promised joy for all mankind;

alone among the prophets he revealed the Lamb of God;

he baptized the Author of Baptism,

so that baptismal water might be sanctified;

and at the last he crowned his witness by shedding his own blood.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

Through the mercy of our God
the rising Sun will come to us.

Post-Communion

You have fed us, Lord, at the heavenly banquet of the Lamb of God. As we rejoice at the birth of Saint John the Baptist, may we recognize as the author of our own new birth, Christ, whose coming he foretold: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

27th June:

Optional Memoria

ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you raised up Saint Cyril of Alexandria to be an unvanquished champion of the blessed Virgin Mary's divine motherhood: grant that we who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be saved by the incarnation of your Son: who lives and reigns with you.

28th June: **ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR** *Memoria*

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

O God, through Saint Irenaeus, your bishop, you strengthened your Church in peace and true doctrine. Grant through his intercession, that we may be made new in faith and love, and may always preserve unity and concord in your Church. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, on the feast of Saint Irenaeus we offer this sacrifice to give you glory. May it strengthen us in love of the truth, so that we may preserve the faith of the Church intact, and her unity unshaken. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, by these holy mysteries increase our faith; may we be saved by keeping the faith to which Saint Irenaeus witnessed by his glorious death. Through Christ our Lord.

28th June (*Evening Mass*):

Solemnity

VIGIL OF SS PETER AND PAUL

Entry antiphon

Peter the Apostle and Paul the Teacher of the gentiles
have given us your law, O Lord.

Collect

Lord, through your apostles Peter and Paul you gave your Church her first understanding of your heavenly gifts; may they now help us with their prayers on the road to eternal salvation. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer these gifts at your altar in celebrating the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, your blessed apostles. Our merits are few, but we trust in your kindness for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of SS Peter and Paul (29th June)

Communion antiphon

Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others?

Lord, you know all things,
you know that I love you.

Post-Communion

Lord, with this heavenly sacrament strengthen your people, whom you have enlightened with the teaching of your apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

29th June: SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Solemnity

Entry antiphon

While they lived they established the Church
by shedding their blood:
they drank the cup of suffering
that their Master had drunk;
in their lifetime God chose them as his friends.

Collect

O God, you fill us with holy joy on the feast of your apostles Peter and Paul. Grant that as your Church began her life under their guidance, she may now follow their teaching in all things. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may your blessed apostles pray for us as we make our offerings to you, and enable us to celebrate this sacrifice devoutly. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:
In your wisdom you chose Saint Peter to be our leader,
to preach the faith and found the infant Church
among the faithful remnant of Israel.

Saint Paul you chose to be its foremost teacher,
to enlighten and instruct the pagan nations
whom you also called to your Church.
Each according to his own mission
gathered together one People in Christ.
On earth we pay them equal honour,
for they share one crown in heaven.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

Peter said to Jesus:

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus said to him:

You are Peter,

and on you, the Rock, I will build my Church.

Post-Communion

Lord, grant that your Church, nourished by this sacrament, may remain faithful to the Breaking of Bread and the teaching of the apostles; may we be one heart and one spirit, strong in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

30th June:

Optional Memoria

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE SEE OF ROME

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) except:

Collect

O God, you sanctified the church of Rome with the blood of her first martyrs. Grant that we may be strengthened in virtue by their sufferings and rejoice for ever in their victory. Through our Lord . . .

3rd July:

ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

Feast

Entry antiphon

You are my Lord and I will praise you;

You are my God and I will proclaim you;

I will glorify you because you are my Saviour.

Collect

Almighty God, as we rejoice on the feast of your blessed apostle Thomas, may we be supported by his prayers. Grant that we may have life in him whom Saint Thomas acknowledged as his Lord, Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, on the feast of Saint Thomas your apostle we offer you our sacrifice of praise. This is the service that we owe to you: we pray you to keep your gifts always safe within us. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

Put your hand here and feel the print of the nails,
and do not be faithless but believe.

Post-Communion

O God, in this sacrament we have received the Body of your only Son. With Saint Thomas we acknowledge him by faith as our Lord and our God: enable us to witness to him in everything that we do. Through Christ our Lord.

4th July:

Optional Memoria

ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Common of Holy Men and Women IX (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, author of peace and lover of charity, you gave Saint Elizabeth of Portugal the gift of settling disputes. By her intercession enable us also to be peacemakers, so that we may be called the children of God. Through our Lord . . .

5th July:

Optional Memoria

ST ANTONY MARY ZACCARIA, PRIEST

Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII or X (p. 241 or p. 242) except:

Collect

Lord, Saint Antony Mary Zaccaria followed the example of your apostle Paul in preaching the gospel of salvation. Enable us to form our lives, as he did, according to the surpassing wisdom of Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you.

6th July:

Optional Memoria

ST MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Virgins I (p. 240) except:

Collect

O God, source of innocence and lover of chastity, you gave Saint Maria Goretti the crown of martyrdom while she was still only a girl. Grant us, through her intercession, the grace to adhere faithfully like her to your commandments. Through our Lord . . .

11th July:

ST BENEDICT, ABBOT

Memoria

Common of Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

Lord, by your grace Saint Benedict became a great teacher in the school of your service: grant that we may put nothing before our love of you, and may walk eagerly in the path of your commandments. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, receive our offerings on the feast of Saint Benedict. Teach us to follow his example in seeking you, and grant us the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received in this sacrament the pledge of eternal life. Enable us to follow Saint Benedict's teaching by growing in devotion to the sacred liturgy and in love for our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord.

13th July: ST HENRY Optional Memoria

Common of Holy Men and Women I (p. 240) except:

Collect

O God, you guided Saint Henry with your grace and you called him from the cares of his earthly kingdom to share your kingdom in heaven. Amid the attractions of this life, enable us by his intercession to hasten with pure hearts towards you. Through our Lord . . .

14th July: Optional Memoria

ST CAMILLUS OF LELLI, PRIEST

Common of Holy Men and Women IX (p. 241) except:

Collect

Lord, you gave to your priest Saint Camillus of Lelli the grace of loving care for the sick. We pray you through his merits to pour the spirit of your love into us, so that we may serve you in our brothers and sisters, and at the hour of our death pass safely into your presence. Through our Lord . . .

15th July: Memoria

ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we who celebrate the feast of your bishop Saint Bonaventure may profit from his teaching and follow the example of his fervent love. Through our Lord . . .

16th July: Optional Memoria

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Common of Our Lady (p. 47, 234 or 235) except:*

Collect

Lord, may Our Lady of Mount Carmel's intercession help and protect us, so that we may come at last to the mountain which is Christ: who lives and reigns with you.

21st July: *Optional Memoria*
ST LAURENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND DOCTOR
Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:
Collect

O God, for your glory and for the salvation of souls you gave to Saint Laurence of Brindisi, your priest, the spirit of wisdom and strength. Enable us in the same spirit to know what we ought to do, and help us, by Saint Laurence's intercession, to carry it out. Through our Lord . . .

22nd July: *ST MARY MAGDALEN* *Memoria*
Entry antiphon

The Lord said to Mary Magdalen:
Go to my disciples and tell them:
I am ascending to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.

Collect

O God, Saint Mary Magdalen was the first whom your Son Jesus Christ entrusted with the message of Easter joy. Grant by her intercession, that we may proclaim the living Christ like her, and come to behold him in your glory in heaven: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, your Son accepted Saint Mary Magdalen's loving service as a penance for her sins. We pray you to accept also the gifts that we offer you on her feast. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The love of Christ drives us on.
We should not live for ourselves alone,
but for the One who died and rose from the dead
on our behalf.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this sacrament fill us with enduring love like Saint Mary Magdalen, who stayed unceasingly with Christ, her master: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

23rd July: *Optional Memoria*
ST BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS
Common of Holy Men and Women XI (p. 243) except:
Collect

Lord our God, you revealed the secrets of heaven to Saint Bridget as she meditated on your Son's Passion: grant that we, your servants, may also rejoice to see your glory. Through our Lord . . .

25th July: *ST JAMES, APOSTLE* *Feast*
Entry antiphon

While Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee,

he saw the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee;
they were repairing their nets,
and he called them to follow him.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, by your grace Saint James became the first martyr among your apostles. Grant that your Church may be continually strengthened by the witness that he bore, and supported by his prayers. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Purify us, Lord, by the saving baptism of your Son's Passion, so that we may offer you an acceptable sacrifice on the feast of Saint James, whom you chose to be the first among the apostles to share the cup of our Lord's suffering: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

They drank the cup of suffering
that their Master had drunk;
and they became the friends of God.

Post-Communion

Help us, Lord, through the intercession of Saint James, your apostle, on whose feast we have received with joy these holy gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

26th July:

Memoria

SS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF OUR LADY

Entry antiphon

Let us sing the praises of Joachim and Anne,
because the Lord gave them a child,
who would be called blessed throughout the ages.

Collect

Lord God of our fathers, you chose Saint Joachim and Saint Anne to be the parents of your Son's blessed Mother: grant through their prayers that we may win the salvation which you have promised to your people. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our humble offerings, and grant that we may become worthy to share in the blessing which you promised to Abraham and his descendants. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

They received blessings from the Lord
and mercy from God their Saviour.

Post-Communion

O God, you caused your only Son to be born of men so that men might be re-born and become your children. In this Mass we have received the Bread that you give to your sons and daughters: fill us with the Spirit of those whom you have adopted as your own. Through Christ our Lord.

29th July:

ST MARTHA

Memoria

Entry antiphon

Jesus came to the village,
and Martha made him welcome in her house.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, Jesus your Son stayed as a guest at Saint Martha's house: through her intercession enable us to serve him faithfully in our brothers and sisters, and receive us at last into your heavenly home. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we acknowledge the marvels which your grace worked in Saint Martha, and we pray that as her loving service was pleasing to you, you will accept our humble offerings. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Martha said to Jesus:
You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and you have come into this world.

Post-Communion

Lord, may the Body and Blood of your Son which we have received, turn our minds from transitory things: so that, following Saint Martha's example, we may serve you with whole-hearted love on earth, and rejoice to see you for ever in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

30th July:

Optional Memoria

ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you made your bishop Saint Peter Chrysologus a great preacher of the gospel of your incarnate Word. Enable us, by his intercession, to ponder continually in our hearts the mystery of salvation, and to show its effect in our lives. Through our Lord . . .

31st July:

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Memoria

Entry antiphon

In the name of Jesus let every knee bow,
in heaven, on earth, and in the world below;

and let every tongue confess
that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

Collect

O God, you raised up Saint Ignatius Loyola in your Church for the greater glory of your name. Grant that with his help, we, like him, may so fight for Christ on earth that we may win a crown of glory in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may our offering on the feast of Saint Ignatius be pleasing to you, and grant that the Mass, which you have made the fountain of all holiness, may make us, like him, holy and faithful to the truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I have come to cast fire on the earth,
and I long for it to be set alight, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have offered this sacrifice of praise to give you thanks on the feast of Saint Ignatius. May we come to praise you for ever in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

1st August:

Memoria

ST ALPHONSUS MARIA DE LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR
Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

Lord, you continually give your Church new examples of virtue. Enable us to follow the example of your bishop Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori in his zeal for souls, so that we may share with him in the rewards of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, you called Saint Alphonsus to celebrate the Mass, and through it you enabled him to offer himself as a holy sacrifice to you. We pray you to kindle in us the flame of the Holy Spirit which burned in his heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

O God, by your grace Saint Alphonsus faithfully celebrated this holy sacrament and proclaimed its mysteries: give your faithful people the grace to partake of it frequently, and in its strength to praise you for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd August:

ST EUSEBIUS, BISHOP

Optional Memoria

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

Lord God, enable us to follow the example of your bishop Saint

Eusebius in steadfastly professing the divinity of your Son: so that, holding fast to the faith which he taught, we may be found worthy to share in your Son's eternal life: who lives and reigns with you . . .

4th August: ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST Memoria
Common of Pastors V (p. 238) except:
Collect

Almighty and merciful God, you gave Saint John Mary Vianney, the Curé of Ars, a wonderful love for the people entrusted to him. Help us, through his example and intercession, to win brothers for Christ, and with them to gain the reward of eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

5th August: Optional Memoria
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY
Common of Our Lady (p. 47, 234 or 235) except:*
Collect

Lord, pardon your servants their offences. Since without your grace we cannot win your favour, grant that the intercession of your Son's Mother may save us. Through our Lord . . .

6th August: Feast
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Entry antiphon

The Holy Spirit was seen in the bright cloud,
and the voice of God the Father was heard saying:
This is my beloved Son, listen to what he says.

Collect

O God, at your Son's transfiguration you strengthened your Church's faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and you gave us a sign of our own adoption as your children. Help us to listen to your Son's voice and become heirs with him of eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, Lord, the gifts we offer on the feast of your Son's transfiguration. May the light of his glory shine on us and cleanse us from all our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.
He revealed his glory to his chosen witnesses.
The human nature which he shared with them
was bathed in dazzling radiance,
so that his disciples might not lose faith

when they saw him stricken on the Cross;
and that the splendour of the Head
might prefigure the destiny of his Body, the Church.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

When Christ comes in glory we shall be like him,
and we shall see him as he really is.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this heavenly food which we have received transform
us into the likeness of your Son, whose glory you manifested to the
world at his transfiguration: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

7th August:

Optional Memoria

SS XYSTUS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) except:

Collect

Almighty God, you gave your pope Saint Xystus and his
companions the grace of martyrdom. Because they preached your
word and witnessed to Christ, they were put to death: by the power
of the Holy Spirit give us like them a firm faith, and make us strong
in professing it. Through our Lord . . .

ST CAJETAN, PRIEST *Optional Memoria*

*Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241)
except:*

Collect

O God, you moved your priest Saint Cajetan to follow your
apostles' life: help us by his example and prayers always to trust in
you, and to seek your kingdom. Through our Lord . . .

8th August:

ST DOMINIC, PRIEST

Memoria

*Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241)
except:*

Collect

Lord, may your Church be strengthened by the merits and
teaching of Saint Dominic. As he was a great preacher of your truth
during his life on earth, may he now be a faithful intercessor for us.
Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, listen to our requests, and may Saint Dominic join us in
our prayer, as we ask you to protect by the power of this sacrifice all
who fight for the faith of Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and
ever.

Post-Communion

Lord, may the power of this holy sacrament, which we have received on the feast of Saint Dominic, deepen our devotion to you. As his teaching gave new life to the Church, may she now be helped by his intercession. Through Christ our Lord.

10th August:

Feast

ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

Entry antiphon

Saint Lawrence spent himself in the work of the Church
and proved himself worthy to suffer martyrdom;
he entered into the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect

O God, Saint Lawrence gave you loving and faithful service, and ended his life in the glory of martyrdom. Teach us to love the things that he loved, and to follow in our lives his example of service. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our offerings on the feast of Saint Lawrence; may they help us to attain to eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Anyone who serves me must follow in my footsteps,
and where I am he must also be, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, on the feast of Saint Lawrence we have celebrated the Mass as you have commanded, and shared in your sacred gifts. May we experience more and more in our lives the effects of the salvation you have won for us: who live and reign for ever and ever.

12th August:

ST CLARE, VIRGIN

Memoria

Common of Virgins I (p. 240) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, in your mercy you taught Saint Clare to love poverty. Grant through her intercession that we may follow Christ in poverty of spirit, and come to see your face in the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord . . .

13th August:

Optional Memoria

SS PONTIANUS AND HIPPOLYTUS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) or Pastors V (p. 238) except:

Collect

Lord, may the sufferings of the martyrs increase our love of you, and strengthen our faith. Through our Lord . . .

14th August (Evening Mass):

Solemnity

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

Entry antiphon

We proclaim your glory, Mary,
for today you have been raised above the choirs of angels,
and for ever you share in the triumph of Christ.

Collect

O God, you looked on the blessed Virgin Mary in her humility and made her the Mother of your only Son. Today you crowned her with glory above all men. Grant through her prayers, that we may be saved by the mystery of your redemption, and be raised with her into eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, Lord, our sacrifice of praise as we ask your mercy on the feast of the Assumption of the holy Mother of God. Pardon our sins and teach us always to give thanks to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Assumption (15th August)

Communion antiphon

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary
which carried the Son of the eternal Father.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have honoured the Assumption of the Mother of God and shared in your sacrament. Protect us, we pray, from all the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord.

15th August: THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY Solemnity

Entry antiphon

A great sign appeared in the heavens:
a woman robed with the sun,
the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary;
together with us the Angels will rejoice
and proclaim the praises of the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, you have raised the Mother of your Son, the immaculate Virgin Mary, body and soul into the glory of heaven. Enable us to direct our minds always to heavenly things, and to be found worthy to share in her glory. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may our prayerful offerings rise up to you: may the blessed

Virgin Mary pray for us in heaven, so that our hearts, full of the fire of love, may always long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

On this day the Virgin Mother of God was taken up to heaven,
the promise and the first fruit of your Church's destiny.

From there she consoles your people,
offering them sure hope on their journey through life;
for you would not allow her, who gave birth to the Author of
Life,

to suffer the corruption of the grave.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

All generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has dealt wonderfully with me.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the sacrament that brings our salvation.
May the blessed Virgin Mary pray for us in heaven, so that we may
attain to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

16th August:

Optional Memoria

ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Common of Holy Men and Women I (p. 240) except:

Collect

Almighty God, during his life on earth Saint Stephen, King of
Hungary, enlarged the boundaries of Christendom. Now that he is
with the Saints in the glory of heaven, may he assist your Church with
his prayers. Through our Lord . . .

19th August:

ST JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Optional Memoria

*Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241)
except:*

Collect

O God, you chose Saint John Eudes to proclaim the infinite
treasure of Christ. Enable us, by following his example and teaching,
to grow in knowledge of you, so that we may faithfully live our lives
in the light of the gospel. Through our Lord . . .

20th August: *ST BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR* *Memoria*
Common of Doctors I (p. 239) or *Holy Men and Women VII* (p. 241)
except:

Collect

O God, you filled Saint Bernard with zeal for your house, and through him rekindled in your Church the light of wisdom and the fire of your spirit. Grant through his intercession, that your spirit may burn also in us, so that we may walk always as children of the light. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, by his teaching and his deeds Saint Bernard strengthened the unity of your Church. In his memory we now offer you the sacrament of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, enable us to follow the teaching and example of Saint Bernard, and may the heavenly food that we have eaten on his feast-day, fill us with love for Christ, your incarnate Word: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

21st August: *ST PIUS X, POPE* *Memoria*
Common of Pastors I (p. 237) except:

Collect

O God, you filled Pope Saint Pius X with heavenly wisdom: you gave him strength to defend the Catholic faith and to make all things new in Christ. Grant that we may follow his teaching and example, and so receive an eternal reward in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our offerings and enable us to follow the teaching of Saint Pius, so that we may love the blessed Sacrament and receive it with pure and faithful hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, on the feast of Saint Pius we pray that this heavenly banquet may make us constant in the faith and unite us in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

22nd August: *OUR LADY THE QUEEN* *Memoria*
Entry antiphon

The Queen sits in splendour at your right hand,
robed in a garment of precious gold.

Collect

O God, you have made the Mother of your Son our Mother and our Queen. Grant us the help of her intercession, so that we may come to share in the glory of your children in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, on this feast of the blessed Virgin Mary we make our offerings to you. May we be saved by the incarnation of your Son, who offered himself as a pure sacrifice to you on the Cross: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63) with the words on this feast of the ever-Virgin Mary or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

Blessed are you for believing
that those things which the Lord spoke to you
would be fulfilled.

Post-Communion

Lord, on this feast of the blessed Virgin Mary we have received heavenly gifts from you. Grant that we may be found worthy to share in the eternal banquet of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

23rd August:

Optional Memoria

ST ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Common of Virgins I (p. 240) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, you moved Saint Rose of Lima to forsake the world for love of you and to dedicate her life solely to you in austerity and penitence. Grant by her intercession that we may walk in the paths of life on earth, and come to share in the rich joys of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

24th August: ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Feast

Entry antiphon

Tell of the Lord's Salvation unceasingly;
proclaim his glory to the end of the earth.

Collect

Lord, your blessed apostle Bartholomew remained steadfastly faithful to your Son. We pray you to strengthen our faith, and to grant, by his intercession, that your Church may become the sacrament of salvation to all nations. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, in honour of Saint Bartholomew, your apostle, we offer you the sacrifice of praise: may his intercession gain us your help. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

I am giving you the freedom of the kingdom my Father gave to me;
so that you may eat and drink at my table, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, on this feast of Saint Bartholomew we have received the pledge of everlasting salvation: may it help us in our present life, and bring us to eternal life in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

25th August: *ST LOUIS* *Optional Memoria*

Common of Holy Men and Women I (p. 240) *except:*

Collect

Lord, you took Saint Louis away from the cares of earthly kingship to the glorious kingdom of heaven. Grant through his intercession, that in the duties of this life we may always seek your eternal kingdom. Through our Lord . . .

ST JOSEPH OF CALASANZ, PRIEST *Optional Memoria*

Common of Pastors V (p. 238) *or Holy Men and Women X* (p. 242) *except:*

Collect

Lord, you filled Saint Joseph of Calasanz with love and patience in teaching children and bringing them up in virtue. We venerate him as a wise teacher: may we follow his example by always serving the cause of truth. Through our Lord.

27th August: *ST MONICA* *Memoria*

Common of Holy Men and Women XI (p. 243) *except:*

Collect

O God, consoler of all who mourn, you looked kindly on the loving tears of Saint Monica and brought about the conversion of her son, Saint Augustine. May they both pray for us, so that we may weep for our sins and receive your gracious pardon. Through our Lord . . .

28th August: *Memoria*

ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Entry antiphon

The Lord gave him wisdom and understanding,
and he became a teacher in the Church;
now he is robed in glory.

Collect

Lord, we pray you to renew in your Church the spirit with which you filled your bishop Saint Augustine. Teach us to thirst for you, for you are the only fountain of wisdom; teach us to seek you, for you are the source of heavenly love. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, by this sacramental offering we recall our salvation and pay you the worship that we owe you: may it be a sign of our unity, and bind us together in the bond of love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You are to have only one teacher, Christ;
and all of you are to be brethren, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, may our sharing in your Son's eucharistic feast make us holy. He is our head and we are his members; may we all become him whom we have received: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

29th August:

Memoria

MARTYRDOM OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Entry antiphon

Lord, I will give my testimony to you before kings
and I shall not be disgraced;
I will study your commands
which I value above all else.

Collect

Lord, you sent Saint John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in his birth and in his death. He laid down his life for the cause of truth and justice: enable us also to fight boldly for our faith. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Saint John the Baptist, when he cried aloud in the wilderness, taught us to make straight the paths of the Lord, and at his death he sealed this teaching with his blood. We ask you, O God, to give us strength through these offerings, so that we may never swerve from your paths. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Saint John the Baptist, as on 24th June (p. 191)

Communion antiphon

John gave them his answer:
He must increase, I must decrease.

Post-Communion

Lord, we are celebrating the day of Saint John the Baptist's death on earth, which was his birthday in heaven. Teach us to venerate the Blessed Sacrament which we have received, and enable us to experience its effects more and more in our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

3rd September:

Memoria

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors I (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you rule over your people in love and mercy, and you have established bishops to govern your Church. Through the

intercession of your pope Saint Gregory the Great, fill us with the Spirit of wisdom, so that your people may grow in holiness, and that both pastors and flock may come to the eternal joys of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may we receive your grace in this sacrifice which we make on the feast of Saint Gregory: it is the sacrifice which takes away the sins of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, in this Mass we have received Christ, the Bread of life. As we recall the memory of Saint Gregory, may we come, with Christ as our Master, to understand your truth and follow it lovingly in our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

8th September: THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY *Feast*

Entry antiphon

With joy we celebrate the birthday of the blessed Virgin Mary, who gave us the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.

Collect

Lord, grant us your heavenly grace. The blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to your Son, who brought us salvation; may this festival of her birthday bring us peace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, your Son's conception and birth did not destroy his blessed Mother's virginity but sanctified it. Through his incarnation may he free us from our sins and make us an acceptable sacrifice to you: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63) with the words on the birthday of the ever-Virgin Mary or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

See the Virgin will give birth to a Son
who will save his people from their sins.

Post-Communion

Lord, the birth of the blessed Virgin Mary which we celebrate today brought hope to all the world and was the dawn of our salvation. Give joy to your Church which you have renewed with these sacred mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

13th September: *Memoria*

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: you gave your

bishop Saint John Chrysostom the gift of eloquence and you tested him with suffering. May his teaching and the example of his patience be a help to us in our lives. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, accept our joyful sacrifice on the feast of Saint John Chrysostom. Following his teaching, we offer you ourselves and our praise together with these gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

O God, may the sacrament that we have received on this feast of Saint John Chrysostom strengthen us in your love, and make us faithful witnesses to your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

14th September

Feast

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Entry antiphon

We must glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for in him is our freedom, our life and resurrection;
through him we have been ransomed and obtained salvation.

Collect

O God, you willed that your only Son should suffer on the Cross and so redeem the human race. Grant that we who venerate the Holy Cross on earth, may receive in heaven the fruits of our redemption. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our offering: it is the sacrifice which on the altar of the Cross took away the sins of all the world. Grant, we pray, that it may free us from all our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

From a tree was made the Cross
on which you redeemed mankind;
from a tree death had come into the world;
and from a tree life was born again.
By a tree the enemy triumphed;
by a tree he was destroyed,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

*or Preface of the Passion I (p. 148**)*

Communion antiphon

If I am lifted up, said the Lord,
I shall draw all men to myself.

Post-Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received your holy food. As you have redeemed us by the wood of the life-giving Cross, we pray you to bring us to the glory of the resurrection: you who live and reign for ever and ever.

15th September: OUR LADY OF SORROWS Memoria

Entry antiphon

Simeon said to Mary:

Many in Israel will fall or rise because of him,
for he is a sign whom many will reject;
and your own heart will be pierced
with the sword of sorrow.

Collect

O God, you willed that as your Son hung on the Cross, his blessed Mother should stand by him and share his sufferings. Grant that your Church, which also shares in the Passion of Christ, may share too in his resurrection: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, as our Lady stood by the Cross of Jesus you gave her to us in your mercy to be our Mother. As we recall her sorrows, we pray you to accept our prayers and our sacrifice of praise. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63) with the words on this feast of the ever-Virgin Mary or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

Rejoice that you share in the sufferings of Christ;
when his glory is revealed you will be filled with joy.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the sacrament of eternal redemption. As we recall the sorrows of the blessed Virgin Mary we make this prayer to you: may we make up in our lives, for the sake of the Church, what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

16th September: Memoria

SS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) or Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

O God, you gave Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian to your people to be loving pastors and martyrs unvanquished in their faith. Through their intercession may we too be made strong and constant in faith, and labour for the unity of the Church. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, receive the sacrifice that we offer in memory of the sufferings of Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian. The sacrament of the Eucharist gave them strength in their torments: may it make us constant in all tribulation. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have shared in the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist, and now we make this prayer to you: give us the strength of your Holy Spirit, which you gave to your blessed martyrs Cornelius and Cyprian, so that we may bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.

17th September:

Optional Memoria

ST ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, for the defence of your Church's faith you endowed your bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with great learning and virtue. Grant through his intercession, that we may always rejoice to keep the Catholic faith intact. Through our Lord . . .

19th September:

Optional Memoria

ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

Grant, O God, that we who celebrate today the memory of your martyr Saint Januarius, may come to share with him in the blessedness and joy of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

21st September:

Feast

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Entry antiphon

Go and teach all the peoples of the earth,
baptize them and instruct them;
teach them to hold fast to what I have commanded you, said the
Lord.

Collect

O God, in your great mercy you called Saint Matthew from his life as a tax-gatherer to be one of your apostles. Enable us, with the help of his prayers and his example, to follow you throughout our lives: you who live and reign with God the Father.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer you our sacrifice and our prayers on the feast of Saint Matthew. We ask you to look mercifully on your Church,

whose faith you have nourished by the preaching of the apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

I did not come to call the virtuous,
but the sinners, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, Saint Matthew joyfully received Christ our Saviour as a guest in his house, and now we have been your guests at this feast of salvation and joy. May we be continually made new by this food, for we receive it from him who came to call, not the just, but sinners to repentance: he who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

26th September:

Optional Memoria

SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) except:

Collect

Lord, we praise you as we recall your blessed martyrs Cosmas and Damian. Through their death you gave eternal glory to them, and to us in your unfathomable providence a source of grace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, the death of your Saints was precious in your eyes. In their honour we offer you the sacrifice from which every martyr derives his strength and inspiration. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, in memory of Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian we have received your heavenly gifts: keep them safe within us, and may they bring us salvation and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

27th September:

Memoria

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Entry antiphon

The Holy Spirit has come upon me and consecrated me:
he has sent me to teach the Good News to the afflicted,
and to bring healing to the contrite.

Collect

O God, you endowed Saint Vincent de Paul with apostolic gifts: you moved him to work for the poor and to found new religious orders. Fill us, we pray, with his spirit and teach us to love the causes that he loved, and to follow his example. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you called Saint Vincent to offer Christ in the Mass and to imitate Christ's sacrifice in his life. Grant through the power of this

sacrifice, that we also may become an offering acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Let us thank the Lord for his compassion
and the wonderful things he has done for us.
He has refreshed all who are thirsty,
and taken their hunger away.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have renewed us by this heavenly sacrament, and now
we make this prayer: may the intercession of Saint Vincent help us to
follow like him the example of Christ your Son by preaching the
Gospel to the poor: he who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

28th September:

Optional Memoria

ST WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) except:

Collect

O God, you taught Saint Wenceslaus to prefer the kingdom of
heaven to his kingdom on earth. Enable us through his prayers to
deny ourselves and to cling only to you. Through our Lord . . .

29th September:

Feast

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Entry antiphon

Bless the Lord all his Angels!
You are his powerful messengers,
you pay heed to his commands.

Collect

O God, you have wonderfully disposed the orders of Angels
and men in the universe. Grant, we pray, that your holy Angels, who
serve you continually in heaven, may protect us during our life on
earth. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer you the sacrifice of praise: may your Angels bring
this offering before the sight of your divine majesty. We pray you to
receive it, and grant that it may avail for our salvation. Through
Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Angels (p. 253)

Communion antiphon

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart;
in the presence of the Angels I will proclaim you.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have refreshed us with the Bread of Heaven: may it

strengthen us, and may your Angels always protect us, so that we may walk boldly along the road of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

30th September:

Memoria

ST JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR

Entry antiphon

The book of the law must be always on your lips,
you must think on it day and night
and observe all its commands;
then you will understand it,
and by it direct your life.

Collect

O God, you filled Saint Jerome, your priest, with love for Holy Scripture: may we be nourished more richly by your word, and find in it the source of life. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Teach us, Lord, to follow Saint Jerome's example in meditating on your holy word, so that we may offer to you with greater devotion this sacrifice which brings our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this holy food which we have received on the feast of Saint Jerome increase our devotion: may we learn from your holy word what we ought to do, and in doing it, come to eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

1st October:

Memoria

ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN

Entry antiphon

The Lord protected her and taught her,
and kept her as the apple of his eye;
as the eagle spreads its wings over its young,
the Lord took her up and supported her;
he alone was her guide.

Collect

O God, you have given your kingdom to children and to the humble. Teach us to follow confidently the little way of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, and through her prayers, bring us to the eternal vision of your glory. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we are celebrating the wonderful things that you have done through Saint Teresa. We pray that as her life was pleasing to you, you will also accept our humble offerings. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Unless you change your hearts

and become like little children,
you will have no place in the kingdom of heaven, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this sacrament kindle in us that mighty love which moved Saint Teresa to give herself to you, and to become an intercessor for all mankind. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd October: THE GUARDIAN ANGELS Memoria

Entry antiphon

You Angels of the Lord bless the Lord,
proclaim him and honour him for ever and ever.

Collect

O God, in your providence you send your holy Angels to defend us. Grant, we pray, that they may protect us always, and that we may come to be with them for ever in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, Lord, this offering that we make on the feast of your holy Angels: Grant that they may always defend us from danger on earth, and bring us to the joy of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Angels (p. 253)

Communion antiphon

O Lord, my God,
in the presence of the Angels I will proclaim you.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have fed us with the sacrament that prepares us for eternal life. Guide us by your holy Angels in the way of salvation and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

4th October: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI Memoria

Entry antiphon

The holy man Francis left his father's home;
he gave up his inheritance and became a poor man;
and the Lord took him into his care.

Collect

O God, through your grace Saint Francis of Assisi followed the example of Christ in poverty and humility. Teach us like him to follow in the footsteps of your Son, and to cling to you in love and joy. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we offer these gifts, prepare us to celebrate with devotion the mystery of the Cross which Saint Francis loved so fervently. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Post-Communion

Lord, through this holy sacrament which we have received, teach us to imitate Saint Francis in his charity and apostolic zeal. May we experience your love within ourselves, and may it inspire us to work for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

*6th October: ST BRUNO, PRIEST Optional Memoria
Common of Pastors V (p. 238) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241)
except:*

Collect

O God, you called Saint Bruno to serve you in solitude; grant through his intercession, that in all the varying circumstances of our lives, our hearts may be firmly fixed on you. Through our Lord . . .

*7th October: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Memoria
Entry antiphon*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Collect

Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, and grant that, as we learned of the incarnation of Christ your Son through the message of an Angel, so by his Cross and Passion and the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, enable us to offer you ourselves together with these gifts, so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ by celebrating his memory in the Mass. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady I (p. 63) with the words on this feast of the ever-Virgin Mary or II (p. 253)*

Communion antiphon

You will conceive and give birth to a Son,
and you will call him Jesus.

Post-Communion

Lord, our God, in this sacrament we proclaim the death and resurrection of your Son. May we share in his sufferings, and so be made worthy to share in his joys and his glory: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

9th October: Optional Memoria

ST DENIS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) except:

Collect

O God, you sent your bishop Saint Denis and his companions to

proclaim your glory to the gentiles, and you gave them strength and constancy in their sufferings. Teach us, by their example, to despise all the glory of this world, and to fear none of its dangers. Through our Lord . . .

ST JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST

Optional Memoria

Common of Pastors X (p. 239) or Holy Men and Women IX (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, giver of all good gifts, you sent your priest Saint John Leonardi to preach the Gospel to your people; through his intercession grant that the true faith may always flourish in all parts of the world. Through our Lord . . .

14th October:

Optional Memoria

ST CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors I (p. 237) except:

Collect

Lord, we beg you to hear the prayers of your people. Today we remember with joy the sufferings of your martyr Pope Saint Callistus; may we receive help from his merits. Through our Lord . . .

15th October:

ST TERESA OF AVILA, VIRGIN

Memoria

Entry antiphon

As a deer longs for the flowing water,
so I long for you, O God;
my whole being longs for the strong and living God.

Collect

O God, by your Holy Spirit you raised up Saint Teresa of Avila to show your Church the way to perfection. May we be continually nourished by her heavenly teaching, and filled like her with a love for true holiness. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as you accepted Saint Teresa's devoted service, we pray you now to accept our offerings. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

For ever I will sing of the Lord's kindness;
to all men I will proclaim that he is faithful to his word.

Post-Communion

Lord our God, you have fed your faithful people with Bread from heaven. May we come, like Saint Teresa, to sing joyfully of your mercies for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

16th October: ST HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS *Optional Memoria*
Common of Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:
Collect

Almighty God, you have given us the life of Saint Hedwig as a wonderful example of humility; grant, we pray, that her intercession may bring us help from heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Optional Memoria
ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN
Common of Virgins I (p. 240) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:
Collect

Pour into us, Lord, the spirit with which you enriched Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may know the love of Christ, which is too great for human knowledge, and that we may be filled with the fullness of God. Through our Lord . . .

17th October: *Memoria*
ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Entry antiphon

With Christ I am nailed to the Cross
and I no longer live with my own life
but Christ lives within me.
Now I live with faith in the Son of God
who loved me and gave himself for me.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you adorn the body of your holy Church with the witness of your martyrs. Grant, we pray, that the sufferings which brought unending glory to Saint Ignatius of Antioch, may be our protection for ever. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, Saint Ignatius offered himself as the wheat of Christ and you received him as bread made pure by the sufferings of his martyrdom: now we pray you to accept our humble offerings. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I am like the wheat of Christ;
I am crushed by the teeth of wild beasts
and so become a pure bread.

Post-Communion

Lord, may we be renewed by the Bread from heaven which we have received on the feast of Saint Ignatius: may it make us Christians in name and in deed. Through Christ our Lord.

18th October:

ST LUKE, EVANGELIST

Feast

Entry antiphon

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the footsteps of those who bring the good news of peace,
and announce the gifts of salvation.

Collect

Lord God, you called Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and his writings your wonderful love for the poor. Grant that we who rejoice to bear your name may always be one heart and one spirit, and may all nations be worthy to see your salvation. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, enable us through your heavenly gifts to give you generous service. May this offering which we make on the feast of Saint Luke, win for us healing from our sins and eternal glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Apostles II (p. 254)

Communion antiphon

The Lord sent his disciples to tell the people:
the kingdom of God is coming to you.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, grant that the sacrament which we have received from your altar may make us holy, and strengthen us in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Luke preached. Through Christ our Lord.

19th October: SS JOHN OF BREBEUF *Optional Memoria*
AND ISAAC JOGUES AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs I (p. 236) or Pastors X (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you made holy the first years of Christianity in North America by the preaching and martyrdom of Saint John of Brebeuf, Saint Isaac Jogues, and their companions: grant through their intercession, that the harvest of the Christian Church may increase continually throughout the world. Through our Lord . . .

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST *Optional Memoria*

Entry antiphon

While I was with you
I claimed to know only Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Collect

Lord, Saint Paul of the Cross loved the Cross of Christ above all things. May his prayers gain for us your grace, so that, inspired by his example, we may embrace our own cross with courage. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, look on the sacrifice which we offer on the feast of Saint Paul of the Cross. As we celebrate the mysteries of our Lord's Passion, may we be enabled to imitate it. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

We preach to you Christ crucified;
Christ the power and the wisdom of God.

Post-Communion

O God, in the life of Saint Paul of the Cross you have revealed to us the mystery of the Cross. Strengthen us through this sacrifice to remain faithful to Christ, and to work in the Church for the salvation of all men. Through Christ our Lord.

23rd October:

Optional Memoria

ST JOHN OF CAPESTRANO, PRIEST

Common of Pastors X (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you called Saint John of Capestrano to strengthen and console your faithful people in a time of trial. Keep us, we pray, always safe under your protection, and preserve your Church in unending peace. Through our Lord . . .

24th October:

Optional Memoria

ST ANTONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or X (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you strengthened Saint Antony Mary Claret with wonderful charity and patience in preaching the Gospel. Enable us, through his intercession, to seek those things which are yours, and to strive in Christ for the good of our fellow men. Through our Lord . . .

28th October:

SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Feast

Entry antiphon

These holy men were chosen by the Lord
to be an example of true brotherly love;
they received from him eternal glory.

Collect

O God, you sent your blessed apostles to bring us to the knowledge of yourself. We pray you, through the intercession of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, to bring new believers into your Church. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we celebrate the eternal glory of your blessed apostles

Simon and Jude, we ask you to hear our prayers, and enable us to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass worthily. Through Christ our Lord.
Preface of Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

If anyone loves me he will be true to my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and abide in him, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, now that we have received your holy sacrament, we pray you in the Holy Spirit, that this Mass which we have celebrated in honour of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, may preserve us in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

1st November:

ALL SAINTS

Solemnity

Entry antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
celebrating the feast of all the Saints;
together with us the Angels will rejoice
and proclaim the praises of the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, you have given us this feast to honour the merits of all your Saints. Seeing that we have so great a company to intercede for us, we ask that their prayers may gain us your abundant mercy. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, receive the gifts that we offer to you in honour of all your Saints. We believe that they are now free from care in eternal life and that they are praying for our salvation: grant in your mercy that we may receive that for which they pray. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:
Today you bring us joy
as we recall the Heavenly Jerusalem, the City of God, and our
Mother,
where already the assembly of our brethren praises you for ever.
Encouraged by the triumph of your Saints in glory,
and strengthened by their example,
in joy we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith
towards our heavenly home.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God;
Blessed are the peace-makers for they shall be called the children
of God;
Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Post-Communion

O God, we adore the wonders of your grace manifested in all your
Saints, and we acknowledge you as the source of their holiness: may
your love within us make us holy, and by your grace bring us from
this table of our earthly pilgrimage to the banquet of our heavenly
home. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd November:

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

First Mass:

Entry antiphon

As Jesus died and rose again,
so God will raise up with him
those who have died in Christ.
As we all died in Adam,
we shall all live again in Christ.

Collect

Lord, graciously hear our prayers as we proclaim our faith in
your Son's resurrection. In your goodness strengthen our hope as we
look forward to the resurrection of your servants on the last day.
Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on our gifts which we unite with your
Son's loving sacrifice, and grant that your departed servants may be
taken up into glory with him: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67 or p. 151** or p. 255)*

Communion antiphon

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies, will live;
and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have celebrated the sacrament of your Son's death and
resurrection for the benefit of your departed servants. Grant that they
may enter into the abode of light and peace. Through Christ our
Lord.

Second Mass:

Entry antiphon

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just, we have been redeemed by the death and resurrection of your Son. Grant that your departed servants, who confessed their belief in the mystery of our resurrection, may be found worthy to share in the joys of a blessed life that is still to come. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty and merciful God, by this sacrifice cleanse your departed servants from their sins in the Blood of Christ: as you have washed them in the water of baptism, purify them continually with your loving pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67 or p. 151** or p. 255)*

Communion antiphon

Let eternal light shine on them,
in the company of your Saints for ever,
because you, Lord, are merciful.
Lord, grant them everlasting rest
and let perpetual light shine upon them:
in the company of your Saints for ever,
because you, Lord, are merciful.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the sacrament of your only Son who for us was sacrificed and rose from the dead in glory. We humbly pray for your departed servants: may they be purified through the Paschal mystery and share with joy in the resurrection that is to come. Through Christ our Lord.

Third Mass:

Entry antiphon

The God who raised Jesus from the dead
will give new life to our bodies also,
by means of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

Collect

O God, you granted your Son victory over death and brought him to his heavenly home. Grant to your departed servants that they too may conquer death, and may for ever enjoy the sight of you, their creator and redeemer. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, mercifully receive the gifts that we offer for all your ser-

vants who are asleep in Christ. By this great sacrifice may they be freed from the chains of death, and receive the reward of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67 or p. 151** or p. 255)*

Communion antiphon

We look forward to the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
he will take these humble bodies of ours
and transform them with the splendour of his own body.

Post-Communion

Lord, since you have accepted our sacrifice, bestow on your departed servants the riches of your mercy. You gave them the grace of baptism: grant them the fullness of eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

3rd November:

Optional Memoria

ST MARTIN OF PORRES, RELIGIOUS

Common of Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, you led Saint Martin of Porres by the way of humility to heavenly glory; grant that we may so follow the example of his holiness, that we may become worthy to be exalted with him in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

4th November:

Memoria

ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

Lord, preserve among us the spirit with which you filled your bishop Saint Charles Borromeo, so that your Church may continually be renewed, and become more like Christ, and thus be able to reveal him to the world. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, you made Saint Charles a conscientious pastor and endowed him with outstanding virtue. Accept the gifts that we offer on his feast, and through the power of this sacrifice, enable us like him to bring forth the pure fruit of good works. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this blessed sacrament which we have received give us that strength of soul which made Saint Charles so faithful a pastor and so fervent in love. Through Christ our Lord.

9th November:

Feast

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church (p. 233)

10th November:

Memoria

ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors I (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you have founded your Church on the rock of Saint Peter and forbidden the gates of hell to prevail against it; grant that with the help of the prayers of Pope Saint Leo the Great, your Church may stand firm in your truth and may live in continual peace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we pray you to shed your light on your Church through the gifts that we offer. Grant that your flock may prosper in all parts of the world, and that its shepherds, under your guidance, may lead lives pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

We pray you, Lord, guide your Church which you nourish with this sacred feast, so that under your mighty power, her liberty may increase, and she may persevere in faith and holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

11th November:

ST MARTIN, BISHOP

Memoria

Entry antiphon

I will raise up as my priest one who is faithful,
who will obey my commands and do my will, says the Lord God.

Collect

O God, your bishop Saint Martin gave glory to you in his life and in his death. Renew the miracles of your grace in our hearts, so that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Bless, Lord, this joyful offering which we make in honour of Saint Martin, and through it direct our lives in both good and evil circumstances. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I tell you solemnly, says the Lord:

As often as you do good even to the least of my brethren,
you do it to me.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have renewed us with the sacrament of unity: grant us

that perfect adherence to your will which you gave to Saint Martin, so that like him we may find true joy in belonging to you. Through Christ our Lord.

12th November:

Memoria

ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors III (p. 237) except:

Collect

Lord, we pray you, stir up in your Church that Spirit which inspired Saint Josaphat to lay down his life for his sheep; grant through his intercession, that we may be made strong by the same Spirit, and not fear to lay down our life for our brothers. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Merciful God, send down your blessing on these gifts, and strengthen us in your faith, to which Saint Josaphat witnessed by shedding his blood. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, may this heavenly meal fill us with the spirit of courage and peace, so that following Saint Josaphat's example, we may freely give our lives for the honour and unity of the Church. Through Christ our Lord.

15th November:

Optional Memoria

ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 237) or Doctors I (p. 239) except:

Collect

O God, you gave your bishop Saint Albert the Great the gift of uniting human wisdom with divine faith. Enable us to follow his teaching, so that, as we grow in knowledge we may come to a deeper understanding and love of you. Through our Lord . . .

16th November:

Optional Memoria

ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Common of Holy Men and Women IX (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, you gave to Saint Margaret of Scotland a wonderful love for the poor. Through her intercession and example, make us so generous that men may see in us the image of your goodness. Through our Lord . . .

ST GERTRUDE, VIRGIN *Optional Memoria*

Common of Virgins I (p. 240) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, you were pleased to make your home in the heart of

Saint Gertrude. Mercifully lighten the darkness of our hearts, so that we may rejoice to know that you are present and working within us. Through our Lord . . .

17th November: ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY *Memoria*
Common of Holy Men and Women IX (p. 241) except:
Collect

O God, through your grace Saint Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and honoured Christ in the poor. Enable us through her intercession, always to give loving service to those who are in need or in distress. Through our Lord . . .

18th November: *Optional Memoria*
DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER AND PAUL
Entry antiphon

You will make them princes over the whole earth,
and they will declare your greatness to all men;
and therefore all ages will proclaim your glory
for ever and ever.

Collect

O God, grant to your Church the protection of your holy Apostles. Through them she first began to learn divine truth; may they win an increase of heavenly grace for her until the end of the world. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we humbly offer you these gifts, and pray that we may always keep unstained in our hearts the truth which we have received through your holy apostles Peter and Paul. Through Christ our Lord.
Preface of Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

Lord, you speak the words of eternal life;
we believe you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have given your apostles Peter and Paul to your people to be their guides; give joy to us who have received the Bread of Heaven in their honour. Through Christ our Lord.

21st November: *Memoria*
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY

Common of Our Lady (p. 47, 234 or 235) except:*

Collect

Lord, as we honour the memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, through her intercession we make to you this prayer: that we, like her, may receive a share in the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord . . .

22nd November:

Memoria

ST CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Virgins I (p. 240) except:

Collect

Be near to us, Lord, as we make our prayers to you, and through the intercession of Saint Cecilia, mercifully grant our petitions. Through our Lord . . .

23rd November:

Optional Memoria

ST CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs VI (p. 236) or Pastors I (p. 237) except:

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, your glory is shown forth in all your saints. Your martyr, Pope Saint Clement, was a priest of Christ your Son: in his death he bore witness to the death of Jesus, which he preached and which he commemorated in the sacrifice of the Mass. We pray you to fill us with joy as we celebrate his feast. Through our Lord . . .

ST COLUMBANUS, ABBOT Optional Memoria

Common of Pastors X (p. 239) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 241) except:

Collect

O God, in Saint Columbanus you joined the gift of preaching the Gospel with a love of the monastic life; grant through his intercession and example, that we may seek you above all things, and work to increase the company of those who believe. Through our Lord . . .

30th November:

ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

Feast

Entry antiphon

At the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew;

he called to them:

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

Collect

Lord, you raised up Saint Andrew, your Apostle, to preach and govern your Church; grant that we may always experience the benefit of his intercession with you. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts on the feast of Saint Andrew, in the hope that you will be pleased with them and accept them, and give us new life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Apostles (p. 64 or p. 254)*

Communion antiphon

Andrew said to Simon:

We have found the Messiah who is called the Christ;
and he brought his brother to Jesus.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that our Holy Communion with you may give us strength; like Saint Andrew help us to bear Christ's death in our bodies, so as to be able to live with him in glory. Through Christ our Lord.

30th September:

Memoria

ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR

Communion Antiphon

I discovered your words and made them my food;
your commands gave me happiness
and filled my heart with joy.

Lord my God, you have claimed me for your own.

Common Masses

COMMON OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

I—AT THE CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Entry antiphon

How this place inspires us with wonder!
This is the house of God and the gateway to heaven;
it will be called the temple of the Lord.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, fill this Church with your grace. Grant your help to all who pray to you here, and strengthen the hearts of all your people through the power of your word and your sacraments. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts that your Church offers you in her joy. Grant that we your people, who have come together in your holy house, may gain through the sacrifice of the Mass everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface as for the Anniversary Mass (below)

Communion antiphon

My house is a house of prayer, says the Lord:
all who seek favours here will receive them;
those who ask will obtain what they ask,
and to those who knock the door will be opened.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacrament we have received may make your truth grow in our hearts, so that we may adore you for all eternity in your heavenly temple and there, with all the Saints, rejoice in your presence. Through Christ our Lord.

II—ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION

(In the actual church)

Entry antiphon

Glorious is God in his sanctuary!
The God of Israel will give power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God.

Collect

O God, you enable us each year to celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of our church. Grant that within it we may pay you whole-hearted worship and receive without hindrance your redeeming grace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we recall the day on which you first filled this house of yours with your glory and holiness. Transform our lives, we pray, so that we may become offerings which never cease to please you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

In this church which you have allowed us to build
and where you do not cease to give to your people
the help they require in their journey through life,
you give us a symbol of your divine plan for us.

Here you build the spiritual temple which we are,
and throughout the world you form your Church into the Lord's

Body,
which will become the vision of peace, the heavenly Jerusalem.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise and bless you,
together with countless Angels who worship you in the heavenly
temple,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

You are the temple of God
and the Spirit of God dwells within you.
You are the temple of God
and his temple is holy.

Post-Communion

Lord, fill your dedicated people with the grace and the joy of your blessing. On this day of rejoicing we have offered you our sacrifice: grant that we may always experience its power. Through Christ our Lord.

III ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION *(Outside the actual church)*

Entry antiphon

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down from heaven from God
like a bride ready for her bridegroom.

Collect

O God, you have chosen us to be the living stones with which you build for yourself an eternal dwelling. Make your Church grow

in grace, so that your people in every age may become part of your heavenly temple, the new Jerusalem. Through our Lord . . .

or

O God, in your goodness you have called us your Church and gathered us together here in your name. Teach us to hold you in reverence, to love you and follow you, and lead us safely to the reward you have promised us in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept the gifts we offer you, and grant that in this Church we may experience the power of your sacraments and receive an answer to all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting
that we should always praise you, O God:
In this house of prayer you consent to dwell,
and by the aid of your unceasing mercy,
you make us the temple of the Holy Spirit
shining with the splendour of our holy lives.
The building which we see is but the sign of the Church,
which is the Bride of Christ,
rendered holy by his constant care,
until, rejoicing in her countless children,
she takes her place in the glory of heaven.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

Communion antiphon

As living stones, let yourselves be built up into a spiritual house
and a holy priesthood.

Post-Communion

O God, you have chosen to make your Church the sign on earth
of the heavenly Jerusalem. Through this sacrament we have shared,
enshrine your grace in our hearts and bring us to heaven where you
dwell in glory. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF OUR LADY, II

*(This Mass and the following one may also be used for the Saturday Mass of
Our Lady)*

Entry antiphon

O Virgin Mary you are blessed.
You carried in your womb your Creator,
you gave birth to the God who made you,
and yet you remain a virgin for ever.

Collect

God of mercy, help us in our weakness. As we pay honour to the holy Mother of God, grant that through the help of her intercession we may rise again from our sins. Through our Lord . . .

or

Grant, Lord, that the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary may help us at all times, so that we may be free from all perils and rejoice in the possession of your peace. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we pay honour to your Son's Mother, we make to you this prayer: grant that this sacrifice we offer may fill us with your grace and make us ourselves an everlasting offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady (pp. 63, 64*, 253)*

Communion antiphon

The Almighty has worked in me his wonders,
holy is his name.

Post-Communion

We have received from you, Lord, in this sacrament a share in everlasting life and honoured the memory of your Son's Mother: grant us more abundant grace and constant growth in holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF OUR LADY, III

Entry antiphon

O Virgin Mary, you have been blessed by God most High
above all other women on earth;
he has so glorified you
that men will never cease to praise you.

Collect

Lord, as we honour the memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, through her intercession we make to you this prayer: that we, like her, may receive a share in the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord . . .

or

Lord Jesus, you chose the Virgin Mary's womb to be your dwelling-place. Keep us safe under her protection and help us to share in the joy of her feast-day. This we ask of you, living and reigning with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we rejoice in the feast of your Son's Mother, in your

praise we make you these offerings. Grant that by this holy exchange of gifts we may come to share more fully in everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord . . .

Preface of Our Lady (pp. 63, 64*, 253)*

Communion antiphon

All generations will call me blessed
because God has had regard for his servant in her nothingness.

Post-Communion

Lord, now that we have eaten the Bread of Life grant us this prayer: that through the honour we have paid to the blessed Virgin Mary we may become worthy to share your everlasting banquet in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF MARTYRS

I — For many Martyrs, outside Paschal Time

Entry antiphon

The souls of the Saints who followed Christ
are happy in heaven;
because they shed their blood for love of him,
they will rejoice with him eternally.

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, accept the gifts which we offer you in honour of your martyrs. Grant that we, like them, may prove fearless in showing ourselves to be followers of your Son: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion antiphon

You are the ones who stood firmly by me
in my time of trial, said the Lord,
and I am giving you the right
to eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

Post-Communion

O God, in the lives of your holy martyrs you have given us a deeper insight into the meaning of your Cross. Strengthen us through this sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may fix our hearts firmly on Christ, and labour in the Church for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

VI — For one Martyr, outside Paschal Time

Entry antiphon

This holy man (woman) upheld God's law even to death;
he (she) feared not the threats of the wicked;
his (her) confidence was firm as a rock.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, bless the gifts we offer you and make them holy. Love of you enabled Saint N. to overcome all the tortures that were inflicted upon him (her). Grant that this sacrament may set our hearts on fire with a love like his (hers). Through Christ our Lord.

or

Lord, the blood that your martyr, Saint N. shed for you, was precious in your sight. We pray you: be pleased to accept the gifts we offer you in his (her) honour. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Lord said: If anyone wishes to be my disciple,
let him deny himself and take up his cross,
and follow in my footsteps.

Post-Communion

Lord, your martyr Saint N. remained true to you and triumphed over his (her) sufferings. Grant that this Holy Communion we have received may endow us with a courage like his (hers). Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF PASTORS

I — For Popes or Bishops

Entry antiphon

The Lord chose him to be a great priest;
and from his treasures of grace
endowed him with surpassing holiness.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, our gifts in honour of your saints, and confidently hope that you will free us now and always from the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The good shepherd has given his life for his flock.

Post-Communion

Lord, our God, your Saint N. was on fire with love of you and spent himself unceasingly in the service of your Church. Grant that this sacrament we have received may make a love like his glow brightly in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

III — For Bishops

Entry antiphon

I will have regard for my sheep, said the Lord;
and I will set over them a shepherd to care for them;
I, the Lord, will be their God.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept the offerings we bring to your holy altar on this feast of Saint N. Grant that through them we may win your forgiveness, and pay you the worship which is your due. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You did not choose me, but I chose you, said the Lord:

I appointed you to go and bear fruit,

and your fruit will remain after you.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have given us your sacrament to renew our strength. Help us to follow the example of Saint N. by professing our faith in what he believed, and living according to his teaching. Through Christ our Lord.

V — For Pastors

Entry antiphon

I have been anointed with oil

and the Spirit of God rests on me;

I have been sent to preach the Gospel to the poor,

and to bring forgiveness to the repentant.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, as we offer you these gifts, we acknowledge the power of your grace which transformed the lives of your saints. Grant that the Mass may make our lives holy like theirs. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Be certain of this, said the Lord:

I shall be with you always,

even to the end of the world.

Post-Communion

Lord, Saint N. served you faithfully and so attained to the unending joy of heaven. Grant that this sacrament may make us fit to receive the same reward. Through Christ our Lord.

or

Almighty God, you have given us the Bread of Heaven to be our food. Grant that, after the example of Saint N., we may be faithful servants of yours, and grow in the constancy of our love for all mankind. Through Christ our Lord.

VIII — For Founders of Churches

Entry antiphon

My teaching, which I have put into your mouth,
will never fail, says the Lord;

The gifts which you offered on my altar,
will be accepted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, we bring you our offerings in honour of Saint N. Be pleased to accept them, and change them into the Body and Blood of your Son: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion antiphon

The Son of Man came to give his life
as a ransom for all.

Post-Communion

Lord, as we celebrate the feast of Saint N., we have received Holy Communion as the pledge of eternal salvation. Grant that it may strengthen us in this life and prepare us for the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

X — For Missionaries

Entry antiphon

These holy men are the friends of God,
renowned in their teaching of the eternal truth.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, look favourably upon the offerings we make to you on this feast of Saint N. We are celebrating the mystery of your Son's passion: grant that we may make our lives accord with the mystery we celebrate. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I myself will tend my sheep, said the Lord;
and I will give them a place of rest.

Post-Communion

Lord, grant that this sacrament we have received may give us the strength to witness in word and deed to the true faith, for which Saint N. laboured incessantly and spent his whole life. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

I — For Doctors

Entry antiphon

The Lord gave him wisdom and understanding,
and he became a teacher in the Church;
now he is robed in glory.

or

The just man speaks wisely, his words are true;
the law of God reigns in his heart.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, be pleased with the sacrifice which we gladly offer you on the feast of Saint N. We offer ourselves with it, and so join your Saint in praising you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

He is the prudent and trusted servant
whom the Lord has placed over his household,
to give his people the food they need.

Post-Communion

Lord, you have given us Christ, the living Bread; help us to follow his teaching, so that on this feast of Saint N. we may learn your truth, and practise it in deeds of love. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF VIRGINS

I — For Virgins

Entry antiphon

This saint was one of those wise and prudent virgins
who were ready to meet Christ with their lamps burning.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we honour the great achievements of your grace in the life of the virgin, Saint N. May our offerings, like her holiness, find favour in your eyes. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Here is Christ, the heavenly bridegroom;
Go forth to meet the Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, our God, you have given us the Bread of Heaven to be our food. Help us by our acts of self-denial to carry the death of Jesus in our bodies, after the example of Saint N, so that we may come to set our hearts on you alone. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMON OF HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

I — For general use

Entry antiphon

Lord, may all your works sing your praise,
may all your Saints bless you;
they will tell the glory of your kingdom
and proclaim your almighty power.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, be merciful and grant our prayer. Through the intercession of your Saints protect us, so that we may become worthy of taking part in the Mass. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Let the just be fed at the table of the Lord;
let them exult in the presence of God;
let them be filled with happiness.

or

Blessed are those whom the Lord finds ready when he comes;
Be certain of this: he will invite them to sit at his table,
and he himself will wait on them.

Post-Communion

Almighty, eternal God, Father of all consolation and peace,
we have come together on the feast of your Saint to give you praise.
Grant that the sacrament of your Son, which we have received, may
be a pledge of our eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

VII — For Religious

Entry antiphon

You, Lord, are my portion and cup,
you restore my inheritance to me;
The way of life you have marked out for me
has made my heritage glorious.

Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God, in Saint N. you put an end to the old,
sinful humanity and created instead a new humanity in your own
image. Create in us a new life like his (hers), so that we may become
worthy to offer you this sacrifice of our redemption. Through Christ
our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I assure you who left all and followed me:
You will receive a hundredfold in return,
and inherit eternal life.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, by the power of this sacrament you have given
us new strength. Teach us, like Saint N., always to set our hearts on
you above all, and to grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ: who lives
and reigns for ever and ever.

IX — For those who performed works of mercy

Entry antiphon

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
I was sick and you visited me.
As often as you did it for even the very least of my brethren,
I assure you: you did it for me.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts we offer you as we commemorate the
salvation which your Son gained for us in his great love. Grant that
we may follow the example of your Saints and grow in love of you
and our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

There can be no greater love than this:
that a man should give up his life for his friends.

or

If you have true love for each other, said the Lord;
all will know you for my disciples.

Post-Communion

Lord, Saint N. never wearied in your service or ceased to tend your people with loving care. Grant that the sacrament which we have received may help us to follow his (her) example. Through Christ our Lord.

or

Lord, you have given us your holy sacrament to be our food and to gladden our hearts. In your mercy, grant that we may imitate the great love of Saint N., and so come to share in his (her) glory. Through Christ our Lord.

X — For Teachers of the Young

Entry antiphon

The Lord said:
let the little ones come to me and do not prevent them;
the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

or

He who teaches my law and gives good example, said the Lord,
will be eminent in my kingdom.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts we offer you in honour of your Saints. Grant that the Mass may enable us to follow the example of their love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven, says the Lord,
unless your hearts be changed
and you become like children.

or

If you follow me, says the Lord,
you will not wander about in the darkness.
but you will have the light of life.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, grant that the sacrament we have received may help us to follow the example of your saints, so that we may show in our deeds the love for our fellow-men and the devotion to the truth which we cherish in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

XI — For Women Saints

Entry antiphon

The God-fearing woman will be honoured:
her sons proclaimed her blessed,
and her husband has sung her praises.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, our gifts in honour of Saint N. Grant that they may win us your pardon and your salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls:
he found one of great value,
and sold everything in order to buy it.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, on this feast of Saint N., we pray that the divine power of your sacrament may bring light and warmth to our hearts so that we may be on fire with holy desires, and generous in works of mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Votive Masses

I — For the Anniversary of the Holy Father

This may be used at special celebrations for the Anniversary, except on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Eastertide on Ash Wednesday in Holy Week or on a Solemnity. The prayers may be used as Votive Prayers, according to the rubrics, at any time)

Entry antiphon

You are Peter,
and on you, the Rock, I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will never prevail against it;
and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Collect

O God, in your wisdom and providence you chose to build your Church on Saint Peter, the head of the Apostles. Look mercifully on *N.* our Pope, whom you have appointed Saint Peter's successor, and grant that he may be the source and foundation of the unity and fellowship of your people. Through our Lord . . .

or
O God, shepherd and ruler of all your people, look mercifully on your servant *N.*, whom you have placed as shepherd over your Church. Grant him the grace to tend his flock by word and example, so that with them he may attain to eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

or
O God, you have chosen your servant *N.* to be Saint Peter's successor as shepherd of all your flock and to be Christ's Vicar on earth. Grant that he may strengthen his brothers, and that all the Church may be at one with him in a bond of unity, love and peace, and so find the truth and everlasting life in you, the shepherd of our souls. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Be moved to pity, Lord, by the gifts we offer, and never cease to protect and guide your Church together with *N.* our Pope, whom you have appointed its shepherd. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others?
Lord, you know all things,
you know that I love you.

Post-Communion

Lord, now that you have given us a share in the Bread of Heaven, grant us this prayer: strengthen your Church in unity and love by the power of this sacrament. Keep your servant *N.*, whom you have appointed our shepherd, always safe under your protection, and with him the flock you have placed in his care. Through Christ our Lord.

II — For the Anniversary of the Bishop of the Diocese

(This Mass and prayers may be used in the same conditions as for the anniversary Mass of the Holy Father, above)

Entry antiphon

I will have regard for my sheep, said the Lord;
and I will set over them a shepherd to care for them;
I, the Lord, will be their God.

Collect

O God, eternal shepherd of your people, you govern your Church with unfailing providence and rule it with love. Grant that your servant *N.*, whom you have placed at the head of your people, may lead his flock in the spirit of Christ whom he represents. Help him to accomplish faithfully his task as their teacher, their priest and their shepherd. Through our Lord . . .

or

O God, shepherd and ruler of all your people, look mercifully on your servant *N.*, whom you have placed as shepherd over the diocese of *N.* Grant him the grace to tend his flock by word and example, so that with them he may attain to eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

or

Lord, you have appointed your servant *N.* to be shepherd of your flock in succession to the apostles. Grant him the spirit of wisdom and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and devotion; help him to lead faithfully the people you have put in his care, and to build up the Church as a sign of Christ to the world. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, these gifts which we offer you on behalf of your servant *N.* whom you have appointed high priest of your people. Grant him the graces he needs in his work for the good of his flock. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for all men.

Post-Communion

Lord, through this Mass bestow still more generous graces on your servant *N.*, our bishop, so that he may be a worthy shepherd and receive an eternal reward for his faithful service. Through Christ our Lord.

III — For Priests

Entry antiphon

The Holy Spirit has come upon me and consecrated me:

he has sent me to teach the Good News to the afflicted,
and to bring healing to the contrite.

Collect

O God, you appointed your Son to be the eternal High Priest. Grant that the men he has chosen to be his servants and stewards of your mysteries may faithfully fulfil the responsibilities they have undertaken. Through our Lord . . .

or

Lord our God, you guide your Church through the ministry of your priests. Make them persevering and obedient in your service, so that by their ministry and the holiness of their lives, they may be united with Christ in giving you glory. Through our Lord . . .

or (for the anniversary of ordination)

Holy Father, for no merits of mine you have chosen me to share in the eternal priesthood of your Son and to serve your Church. Help me to preach your Gospel with vigour yet with gentleness, and to be a faithful steward of your mysteries. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, it is your will that there should be priests to minister at your altars and serve your people. Grant by the power of the sacrifice we offer that your priests may always be faithful in your service and bear in your Church fruit that will last for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

or (for the anniversary of ordination)

Lord, through this sacrifice of praise make my service of you more fruitful. Bring to maturity in me the priesthood which in my unworthiness I have received from you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Father most holy, keep these holy in your truth.

As you sent me into the world, says the Lord,
so I send these men into the world.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that the sacrifice we have offered and in which we have shared, may bring new life to your priests and to all your people. May it join us together in unfailing love and help us all to serve you worthily. Through Christ our Lord.

or (for the anniversary of ordination)

For your glory, Lord, I have celebrated this Mystery of faith, recalling with joy the anniversary of my ordination. Grant that I may re-enact in my life the sacrifice which I have offered with my hands. Through Christ our Lord.

IV — For Vocations to the Priesthood

Entry antiphon

Let your cry go up to the Lord of the harvest
that he may send labourers to harvest his crop:
so said Jesus to his disciples.

Collect

O God, you have chosen to provide shepherds for your people. Pour out over your Church the spirit of devotion and fortitude, so that men may come forward to serve worthily as priests at your altars and to preach the Gospel with vigour and gentleness. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on the prayers and gifts of your people. Do not cease to call men from among us to be stewards of your mysteries, and grant that for love of you they may always be true to their calling. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

We have known God's love for us
because he has laid down his life for us;
and we also must lay down our lives for our brethren.

Post-Communion

Lord, now that we have received the Bread of Heaven we make our prayer to you: grant that this sacrament of love may ripen the seeds which you have sown freely in your Church, so that many may accept the vocation of serving you in their brothers. Through Christ our Lord.

V — For Vocations to the Religious Life

Entry antiphon

If you wish to be perfect,
go, sell everything you have and give it to the poor,
then come, follow me, says the Lord.

Collect

Holy Father, though you call all Christians to perfect charity, in every age you choose out many men and women to follow your Son more closely. Grant that these whom you have made your own may, through the holiness of their lives, be a clear sign of your kingdom to the Church and to the whole world. Through our Lord . . .

or (to be said by the religious)

We are your family, Lord. Be good to us and send more brothers (sisters) to join us. Lead us to that perfect charity which is our ideal, and help us to labour fruitfully for the salvation of the world. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, in your mercy accept the gifts we offer you. Grant that all who have joyfully undertaken to follow your Son along the narrow path, may be united in love and freedom of spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I assure you who left all and followed me:
You will receive a hundredfold in return,
and inherit eternal life, said the Lord.

Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacramental food and drink may renew your people's strength. Help them always to be faithful to their vocation which is rooted in your Gospel, and to show forth in their lives the likeness of your Son: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

or (to be said by the religious)

Lord, we pray, make us persevering and obedient in your service by the power of this sacrament, so that we may show forth your love to the world, and seek wholeheartedly the true good which is never lost. Through Christ our Lord.

Votive Prayers for Religious

Collect

O God, since it is you who inspire and carry out all our good intentions, lead us along the path of eternal salvation. Make those who have left everything to devote themselves entirely to you, give up all that is worldly, and follow Christ by serving you and their brothers faithfully in the spirit of poverty and humility of heart. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, through this sacrifice which we offer you, sanctify your people whom for your glory you have gathered into a community. Keep them faithful to their vows and help them to serve you with undivided hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord, in your love you have gathered your servants into a community and given them the one Bread to share. Make them one in seeking each other's good and encouraging one another to charity and good works, so that the holiness of their lives may show them at all times to be true witnesses to Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

VI — For the Sick

Entry antiphon

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am weak;
heal my body which is sick.

or

In truth the Lord has borne our infirmities,
and endured our pain.

Collect

O God, you decreed that your Son should bear our infirmities so as to show us the power of human weakness and endurance. In your goodness hear the prayers that we make for our brothers and sisters who are sick. Help them to believe that they have been numbered among those whom your Son called blessed, and to be united with him in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Through our Lord . . .

or

Almighty, eternal God, you bring everlasting healing to those who believe in you. In your mercy hear the prayers that we offer for your servants who are sick, so that they may be able to thank you in your Church for the recovery of their health. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, the course of our lives is in your hands. In your mercy accept the prayers and offerings which we make for our brothers and sisters who are sick. We are anxious for their safety; grant that we may rejoice in their recovery. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

In my own body I do what I can
to make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ
for his body, the Church.

Post-Communion

O God, the only support for human weakness, show the power of your help to your servants who are sick. In your mercy come to their aid, so that they may be restored to your Church in full health. Through Christ our Lord.

VII — Funeral Mass for Baptized Children

Entry antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father;
receive the kingdom which has been prepared for you
from the beginning of the world (*Eastertide: Alleluia*).

Collect

God of all mercy, in your loving providence you have called this

child to yourself in the morning of his (her) life. By the grace of baptism you made him your son (her your daughter), and now, we believe, he (she) lives for ever in your kingdom. In your goodness grant that we may come to share with him (her) in eternal life. Through our Lord . . .

or

O God, you know our grief and sorrow at the death of this child. In your loving providence you have taken him (her) to yourself; strengthen us in our faith that he (she) has reached his (her) everlasting home in heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, Lord, the offerings we make to you. This child was your gift to his (her) parents, and now he (she) is their gift to you. Grant them the joy of meeting him (her) again in your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

or

O God, accept the offering of your devoted people. With trust we submit to the wisdom of your providence: grant us the support of your loving consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Dead (pp. 67, 151**, 255)*

Communion antiphon

By baptism we have been buried with Christ
and died with him;
we believe that we shall live with him for ever
(*Eastertide: Alleluia*).

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the Body and Blood of your Son, and now we confidently ask this grace: since through this heavenly food you have given your people the hope of eternal life, comfort them, we pray, even now in their sorrow. Through Christ our Lord.

or

Lord, we believe that you have called this child to sit down with you at your heavenly feast. Help us to gain a place there through the strength that comes from the Bread of Heaven you have given us. Through Christ our Lord.

VIII — Funeral Mass for Unbaptized Children

Entry antiphon

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes;
there will be no more death or grief or crying or pain;
for the old state of things has passed away.

Collect

Hear the prayers of your faithful people, O Lord, that as they

mourn the death of this child, they may confidently trust in your loving mercy. Through our Lord . . .

or

O God, source of all holy comfort, from whom nothing is hidden, the faith of these parents is known to you. Grant that their child, whom they mourn as dead to this life, may be taken into your loving care. Through our Lord . . .

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, accept the offering of your devoted people. With trust we submit to the wisdom of your providence: grant us the support of your loving consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Dead (pp. 67, 151**, 255)*

Communion antiphon

The Lord God will destroy death for ever;
he will wipe away the tears of all.

Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the Body and Blood of your Son, and now we confidently ask this grace: since through this heavenly food you have given your people the hope of eternal life, comfort them, we pray, even now in their sorrow. Through Christ our Lord.

Prefaces

(See also Book I page 58*, and Book II page 148**)

SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR IV

Used for Masses of the Sundays of the Year

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

He restored our fallen nature by his birth;
he abolished our sins by his suffering.
Rising from the dead, he opened the way to eternal life,
and ascending to you, his Father,
he unlocked for us the gates of heaven.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR VII

Used for Masses of the Sundays of the Year

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

In your mercy you so loved the world
that you sent us a Redeemer.
You willed him to be like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love us in him,
and by the obedience of your Son,
you might restore to us those gifts
which our disobedience had forfeited.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

(Other prefaces for the Sundays of the Year will be found on page 61*)

BLESSED SACRAMENT I

Used in the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday: it can also be used on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and in Votive Masses of the Blessed Sacrament

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

He was the true and eternal Priest
who instituted the rite of the unending sacrifice,

and offered himself in it as the victim for our salvation,
and commanded us to offer the same sacrifice in memory of him.
By receiving his Body given for us
we are strengthened,
and by drinking his Blood poured out for us
we are cleansed from our sins.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

OUR LADY II

(The Church praises God in the words of Our Lady)

For Masses of Our Lady

It is indeed right and fitting
that we should tell of your glory that your Saints show forth,
and especially as we commemorate the blessed Virgin Mary,
and proclaim the wonders of your love.

Your saving power reached out to the ends of the earth
and you poured forth the riches of your mercy on all ages
when you took notice of her humility,
and through her gave us the author of salvation,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

(Preface of Our Lady I will be found on page 63)*

THE ANGELS

In Masses of the Angels

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
and proclaim your glory which you have revealed
in the Angels and Archangels.

They reflect your sublime perfection
and your own surpassing greatness,
in their grace and dignity.

Through Christ our Lord the whole choir of Angels worships
you,
and we together with them adore you,
as we joyfully proclaim:

APOSTLES II

(The testimony of the Apostles)

For Masses of Apostles and Evangelists

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

You have established your Church on the foundations of the
Apostles,

so that she may always be a sign to the world of your holiness,
and a witness to heaven before all mankind.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

(Preface of Apostles I will be found on page 64)*

MARTYRS

Used on solemnities and feasts of the Martyrs

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

For your sake our holy martyr Saint *N.*
followed Christ our Lord even to the shedding of his blood.

In this he revealed your almighty power
for you strengthen our weakness
and encourage our feeble hearts,
to bear witness to your name,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

PASTORS

Used on solemnities and feasts of Pastors

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

You gladden the hearts of your people
on the feast of Saint *N.*;
by his example you give us strength,
by his teaching you give us understanding,
and by his prayers you give us protection.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

COMMON PREFACE III

Used for Masses which do not have a proper preface and where there is no seasonal preface which has to be used

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:
Through your well-beloved Son
you are both the Creator and merciful Redeemer of mankind.
With justice all creation serves you,
with reason all the redeemed praise you,
and with one voice all the Saints bless your holy name.
And, therefore, Lord, we also praise you,
together with all the Angels,
as we joyfully proclaim:

COMMON PREFACE V

Used in the same circumstances as Common Preface III

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.
We recall his death with love,
we proclaim his resurrection with living faith,
and in sure hope we await his coming in glory.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

(Other Common Prefaces will be found on pages 65 and 66*)*

PREFACE OF THE DEAD III

Used in Masses of the Dead

It is indeed right and fitting
that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.
He is the Saviour of the World;
he brings eternal life to men;
he is the pledge of our resurrection from the dead.
And, therefore, Lord, we praise you,
with all the Angels and Saints,
as we joyfully proclaim:

(Preface of the Dead II will be found on page 67)*

Solemn Blessings

These blessings may be used at choice at the conclusion of the Mass. After the salutation The Lord be with you the deacon (priest himself if there is no deacon) invites the people by saying Bow down for the Blessing, or similar words, and the celebrant extends his hands over the people while saying the Blessing. The dismissal formula follows as usual

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR III

May almighty God show you his mercy
and give you his blessing.

May he pour out on you
a realization of his saving wisdom.

R/ Amen.

May he nourish you always with a sound faith
and inspire you to good works,
so that you may persevere to the end.

R/ Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself,
and show you the way of peace and love.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IV

May the God of all consolation
direct your life peacefully,
and fill you with the gifts of his blessing.

R/ Amen.

May he free you from all disquiet,
and strengthen your hearts in love for him.

R/ Amen.

May you be so enriched with faith, hope and charity,
as to spend this present life in good works,
and thus obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR V

May almighty God ever keep you from all evil,
and be pleased to pour out on you
the gifts of his blessing.

R/ Amen.

May he fix your hearts on the things of heaven,
so that you may find unending happiness.

R/ Amen.

May you understand what is good and true
so as ever to live according to God's commands,
and thus be heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

*(Other Blessings for general use throughout the year will be found in
Book I, pp. 71*-72*)*

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has brought you here today
for the dedication (to commemorate the dedication) of this
house,
enrich you now with his heavenly blessing.

R/ Amen.

He willed that all who are separated
should be united in his Son.

May he grant that by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
you may become his living temples.

R/ Amen.

You that have now been joyfully renewed
know that God is within you;
and with all the Saints,
may you rejoice in everlasting happiness.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

FEASTS OF OUR LADY

Of his great love,
God willed to redeem all men,
through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
May he now make you worthy of his blessing.

R/ Amen.

At all times and in all places,
may you seek the patronage of her
through whom you have been able
to receive the author of life.

R/ Amen.

Today you are assembled here
to celebrate this feast with true devotion.
May you obtain the gifts of spiritual joy,
and an everlasting reward in heaven.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

FEASTS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

May almighty God,
who has given you strength in the confession of Saint Peter,
and thereby established his Church on a rock-like faith,
give you his blessing.

R/ Amen.

You have been instructed by the preaching of Saint Paul;
may you learn by his example,
to gain all men for Christ.

R/ Amen.

By the keys of Peter and the words of Paul,
and by the intercession of them both,
may you come to the happiness of that kingdom,
which Saint Peter won on his cross,
and Saint Paul gained by the sword.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

FEASTS OF THE APOSTLES

God has established you on the foundations
laid by the apostles.

May he grant you every blessing
through the merits and prayers of Saint *N*.

R/ Amen.

You have been strengthened
by the words and example of the Apostles;
under their guidance
may you bear witness to the truth
before all men.

R/ Amen.

Through the prayers of the Apostles,
whose sound doctrine you have made your own,
may you be helped to arrive at your everlasting home.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

FEASTS OF THE SAINTS

May God, the glory and delight of the Saints,
give to you his lasting blessing,
as today you celebrate this feast.

R/ Amen.

You have been freed from the evils that surround you,
you have been taught by the example of countless holy lives.
May you be ever determined to serve God and his people.

R/ Amen.

As you strive to possess with all the Saints
the happiness of your heavenly home,
so may God's Church, with all her children,
united in the company of the Saints,
rejoice in lasting peace.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

MASSES OF THE DEAD

May the God of all consolation,
who of his great love created man,
and in the resurrection of his only Son
gave to all men the hope of rising again,
fill you with his blessing.

R/ Amen.

May he grant to the living
forgiveness of sin,
and to the dead
a resting place of light and peace.

R/ Amen.

You truly believe that Christ rose from the dead;
may you live happily with him for ever.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.

R/ Amen.

Final Prayers over the People

One of these prayers, followed by the form of blessing given at the foot of the page, may be used at choice at the conclusion of the Mass. It is introduced in the same way as the Solemn Blessings (p. 256), and the celebrant extends his hands over the people while saying the prayer.

*Nos. 1-20 will be found in Book II, pages 158**-160***

21. Lord, keep your faithful people pure in mind and body. Inspired by you, let them avoid all things that are hurtful and always find joy in being nurtured by you. Through Christ our Lord.
R γ Amen.
22. Lord, it is you who give spiritual enlightenment to the minds of men. Let the power of your blessing come upon your faithful people so that all their activities may be transformed by the virtue of charity. Through Christ our Lord. R γ Amen.
23. Lord, strengthen the hearts of your faithful people with the power of your grace. Let them always be devoted to you in their worship, and sincere in their affection towards each other. Through Christ our Lord. R γ Amen.
24. O God, you are the protector of all who hope in you. Bless your people; save them, defend them and help them. Keep them free from sin and safe from their common enemy, so that they may ever grow in their love for you. Through Christ our Lord.
R γ Amen.
25. (*For feasts of the Saints*) Lord, as the Christian people rejoice in the glory given to so many members of the Body of Christ, and as they celebrate this feast today, let them share for ever in the happiness of heaven and rejoice with the Saints in your unending glory. Through Christ our Lord. R γ Amen.
26. (*For feasts of the Saints*) Lord, turn the hearts of your people ever more closely to you. You allow them to be helped by the prayers of so many heavenly advocates; never deprive them of this help. Through Christ our Lord. R γ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,
come down on you,
and remain with you always.
R γ Amen.

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